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## Two Way Supply Assures Slaton Electric Power

Mr. Pearson, industrial power manager for this area for the Southern Public Service Company reported this week that the hook-up with the new Denver City power plant has been completed and that Slaton and all of the towns on the new hook-up will not likely have power cut-off of any length of time regardless of weather conditions or accidents.

Not only does the new plan give all of these towns a secondary source of electrical power but it also takes Post, Slaton and Tahoka off dead end lines and we are now not only getting stronger power than before but also a more dependable supply.

Mr. Pearson reports that he has signed contracts with a number of new industrial users of power and that he expects this area to expand greatly in the use of power within the next few years. The new power plant will take care of a great amount of new development said Mr. Pearson.

The new plant is using flare gas that would be wasted if the plant were not in operation.

## Ag Students Help Decorate Streets

For the Holiday decorations of evergreens on the streets of Slaton the community should know that the credit for the festive appearance of the town goes to several different organizations and to W. E. Smart, from whose ranch the evergreens were taken and for which Mr. Smart made no charges.

The work of gathering the evergreens was done by the City of Slaton employees, the Slaton Chamber of Commerce stood the expense of the wire and other materials used and the members of the Slaton Independent School District Vocational Agriculture Class under the direction of Mr. A. C. Strickland, Agricultural Instructor, did the work of wiring the evergreens to the lamp posts and other places where they are on display.

Mr. Strickland and his boys have often done things of this kind that have enabled Slaton to have things that could not otherwise have been enjoyed, but because of Mr. Strickland's modesty those who have done these things along with Mr. Strickland do not get the credit that they deserve.

Among the activities that Mr. Strickland has sponsored for Slaton is the Lubbock County Calf, Lamb and Hog Show that is held each spring. Under his supervision this activity has grown to be an event of much interest not only to those who live in this area but to many young FFA and 4-H boys over this area and to all West Texans interested in livestock. Mr. Strickland is an energetic and valuable citizen to this area.

## SPARROW POISON NOW FREE AT CITY HALL

At the request of area farmers and of flower growers and gardeners in Slaton, Mayor Wootton reports that he has secured some poison to kill sparrows and that it is available at no cost to those who wish to put it out where the birds will get it.

Mayor Wootton said that the poison is harmless to chickens, geese, cats and to all birds that have a craw but will kill sparrows, geese, ducks and other species of birds that do not have craws. Mayor Wootton has it at the City Hall and it is available now.

## LEGION AUXILIARY HAS CHRISTMAS PARTY

The Slaton American Legion Auxiliary met in the home of the chairman, Mrs. George Green, on December 15 for the Christmas social with a nice attendance. Gifts were exchanged and Mrs. L. R. Gregory was in charge of the recreation. The motion picture to send the Christmas pot plant to Mrs. G. B. Middleton, who is very ill in the hospital. A pretty plate of refreshments was served after the giving of gifts. Next meeting will be in the home of Mrs. A. R. Keys at 220 South 5th St., on January 19 at 3:15.



## Lighting Contest Is Big Success

After a slow start the Slaton Christmas Lighting Contest ended last night with a long list of contestants and with the town showing the Holiday mood better than it had since before the war.

Due to the fact that most of this paper had to be published several days in advance of the judging date the names of the winners of the prizes could not be ascertained in time for publication this week but the winners will be announced next week.

There was more interest in the Holiday manifested over the area this season than ever before and most merchants say that the last minute rush made up for a slow business the first part of December.

## Town To Be Closed Tight On Holidays

The entire business activity of the town is expected to come to a stop tomorrow. Some will close all day January 1st, said Mrs. Lee Green, manager of the Slaton Retail Merchants Association.

The business firms of the town are in better accord on their closing dates than ever before said Mrs. Green and very few places have not agreed to observe the Holidays that the Slaton Retail Merchants have officially accepted as full Holidays for the town.

## JAMES DOUGLAS KEESE IS HOME FROM MONTANA

James Douglas Keese, who is employed with the Texas Oil Co., recently in Round-up, Montana, is at home for the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Keese. Another son, Teddy, with his wife and baby, of Lubbock will also spend the holidays here.

On the twenty-seventh of December Mr. Douglas Keese and daughter, Cleo Joyce, are planning to enter the Santa Fe hospital at Albuquerque for medical treatment and possible surgery.

Children of the family of Mr. and Mrs. P. H. Appling expected home for Christmas are as follows: Rev. and Mrs. W. A. Appling of Vega, Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Jones, Jr., and family of Plainview, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Harris of Hart, Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Davis of Dallas, Pat Appling of Big Spring, and Don and Jon Appling of Slaton.

Words of appreciation are never wasted. No matter what the occasion, or to whom they are spoken, words of appreciation always strike a responsive chord. They quicken the pulse. They kindle a warm glow of satisfaction. They awaken an inner feeling of friendliness and of cordiality. They make us feel good all over.

That your good will is appreciated is evidenced in this issue of the Slatonite where most of the business firms of the town are publishing Holiday greetings. Some of them are clever and all of them are sincere. Won't you take time out today and tomorrow to read carefully what your home town business men have to say to you.

With your help Slaton can grow and prosper and you will find Slaton a better town the more you encourage the firms who are in business here for they will strive to give you better values and wider varieties the more they prosper.

## School Building Expected To Be Complete March 1

After a long delay the steel girders that were needed for the completion of the West Ward School building arrived this last week and they have been installed and the roof put in place.

The contractor kept his workmen on the job by electric lights until after ten o'clock last Tuesday night in order to complete the pouring of the Vermicite roofing that is applied like cement and must be done without stopping until complete.

Unless unforeseen difficulties beset the contractors they expect to get the building completed by March 1st. Superintendent Vardy said that classes will be opened in the new building as soon as possible.

There will be sixteen class rooms, two music rooms, a library, office and two heater rooms. It is planned to construct a covered ramp from the new building to the old building that will be put back in service when the new building is occupied.



Born December 16 at Mercy Hospital at Mr. and Mrs. K. L. Jones a girl weighing 6 lbs., 12 ozs.

Born December 18 at Mercy Hospital to Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Fondy a girl weighing 7 lbs., 12 ozs.

A daughter, Jo Anna, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Lee Johns of Plainview on December 4. She weighed 8 lbs., 2 1/2 ozs. Johns, son of W. L. Johns, dairyman near Slaton, formerly was manager of the Slaton Chamber of Commerce and Board of City Development, which position he now holds in Plainview.

## 1949 Oldsmobile On Display Here

Milton Davis is wearing a big smile this week and inviting all of those interested in automobiles to come to the Davis Motor Company to see the new 1949 Oldsmobile that is being shown for the first time.

While the "98" model is the only one now on display he expects to have the "76" in a short while. The "98" is the new eight cylinder and the "76" is the six. Both are equipped with entirely different motors from the former models. The new motor is designated as the "Rocket." The new cars have GM Hydramatic drive and have many exclusive features that entitle them to the name of Futuramic.

The new car that is on display at the Davis Motor Company arrived this week for the initial showing and the Davis Motor Company is combining Christmas and the arrival of the new model in a big way. The Davis Motor Company is in the new building on South 9th Street next door to the Slaton Implement Company.

The new building was constructed for the purpose of housing the Oldsmobile line of cars and is one of the most attractive buildings in Slaton.

"We hope everybody in this section comes in to see the new cars," said Mr. Davis, "so we can show them the many new and exclusive features for comfort, convenience and beauty that are to be found in the new Oldsmobile."

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Sikes, Jr., of Truscott, Tex., visited here the first of the week in the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Sikes, Sr.

Mr. and Mrs. Clifton Cox, Sr., and Clifton, Jr., will spend the holidays with their daughter and sister, Mrs. J. B. Cocanougher in Hereford.

## Pioneer Railroad Man Passes Away

Funeral services for J. J. Niehoff, pioneer railroad man of the Santa Fe and of the Slaton Division, were held Thursday, December 16 at Fort Sam Houston, San Antonio, where the body was taken for burial.

He died in the Amarillo Veterans Hospital, Tuesday, December 14th from a heart attack. His death followed that of his wife only by a few weeks.

Mr. Niehoff had been ill for several years and had spent much of his last years in the hospitals. A veteran of the Spanish-American war and a former newspaper man, his death ended an active and colorful career.

The Niehoffs had extensive farming interests in this section and had lived in Slaton for many years.

He is survived by his daughter, Mrs. Ethel Brinker of San Antonio.

## Students Are Home For Christmas

College students arrived home the latter part of last week and the first of this week for the Christmas holidays. Those seen in town are as follows:

Texas Tech: Luther Faulkner, Fred Potthast, Don Crub, Durwood Crawford, Bill Wilson, John T. Hall, Dorothy Davis, Mary Harrah, Joyce Pember, B. A. Hanna, Jack Huckabay, Bill Dawson, Wallace Cooper, Don Dawson, Martha Cudd, Jack Edwards, Lannon Smith and Vernon Benson.

Baylor University: Wayland Stephens, Waylon Ferguson, Helen Ruth Ferguson.

University of Texas: Joy Holloman, Roy German.

McMurry College: Betty Ann Willis.

S.M.U.: Jim Chenoweth, Kathleen Eidson.

Coffeyville, Kansas, Junior College: Guy Gentry, Billy Avent.

A. & M.: Jim Cherry, Ed Burton, John and Fred Schmidt, Phil Brewer.

North Texas State Teachers (Denton): Frank Todd.

Christmas Day guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Kitten will be their daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Clark Shultz and Carol Ann, of Ponca City, Okla., Bill Kitten, Mrs. Kitten's mother, Mrs. Michael Reuss, Mr. and Mrs. Norbert Kitten and family, and Mr. and Mrs. Henry Hollinden.

## Something To Think About Says U. S. Air Power Expert

That a huge army and navy for the United States would be a liability instead of an asset is the opinion of a nationally known writer and here in part is what he has to say in the January Readers Digest:

"In wisdom, as well as in humanity, the United States should warn the Russian rulers:

"That we now have enough improved atomic weapons to immobilize Russia;

"That we can deliver those weapons in sufficient quantity to kill or maim, in the first raids, a staggering proportion of the people of Russia's key cities;

"That the targets have been selected, our planes readied, our crews alerted;

"And that this terrible retaliation will come if Russia attacks us or another free nation."

So declares William Bradford Huie, student of air power and confidant of U. S. Air Force generals.

Huie sees danger of war in the "curtained minds" of a handful of Soviet officials, who may rely too strongly on their enormous ground armies while measuring the extent of American retaliation by the small number of Allied troops in Europe. Danger lies, too, in widespread propaganda that the atom bomb is "overrated," that its advocates are "visionaries," and that wars will still be decided by old-fashioned armies and navies.

While some of this propaganda stems from Communist sources and some from uninformed U. S. citizens, most of it comes, Huie charges, from "battleship admirals and the Maginot minds in the Army."

Since Hiroshima, the world's greatest nuclear scientists have been working night and day, with the world's finest equipment, to improve America's atomic weapons.

"Does anyone imagine that all these mountains have labored to produce mice?" Huie asks. "Anyone familiar with American zeal and ingenuity cannot doubt that the 1949-model bomb is several times as destructive as the 1945-model."

The 50,000 Americans and 360 first-line bombers of the Strategic Air Command compose the most destructive fighting force in history, Huie states. It is the first organization ever possessed by any nation which, within hours after the outbreak of war, can assault the heart of any enemy on earth. The men of this force talk as easily of Moscow and Magnitogorsk and Sverdlovsk as they do of Pittsburgh and Detroit and Seattle; they know exactly the route to their own assigned target if they are suddenly ordered to attack.

And despite Russia's possession of radar, our bomber planes and crews are so efficient that our losses in men should be light. Air Force generals believe that 95 per cent of our bomber personnel over Russia would return safely from atomic raids.

The Slaton Theatre is to be opened for the children of Slaton and surrounding communities at 10:30 this morning, December 24. Manager G. S. Hill states that a two hour program of comics and cartoons will be shown free of charge for the children as a Christmas treat from the theatre. A happy time is in store for all Santa Claus is to be on the streets today and it will be a good time to get in those last minute wishes.

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## Welfare League Distributes Christmas Cheer

Mrs. Lee Green, chairman of the Slaton Welfare League, reports that every family of which the League has any record has been given gifts of food, clothing and toys to help to make Christmas a happy time for all.

Organizations helping with this work included the Order of Rain-bow for Girls, who distributed toys, the Slaton Fire Department, various Church organizations, and the Eastern Star.

Miss Kathleen Eidson is spending the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Eidson. She is attending S.M.U.

## MR. AND MRS. ED BLAIR GIVE CHRISTMAS DINNER

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Blair entertained for the employees of the Anthony store Thursday night of last week. Mrs. Blair served a dinner of turkey with all the trimmings. All the employees of the store were present and after the dinner they exchanged gifts around the Christmas tree, played games and had a jolly evening.

Mrs. W. R. Tomlinson of Temple is visiting over the holidays in the homes of her daughters, Mrs. Howard Hoffman and Mrs. C. E. Porter, and their families.

## Lions Club Has Christmas Party

The Lions Club ended up their year activities this year with a Ladies Night at the Slaton Club House. The Christmas party was attended by practically all of the members and their wives.

Many activities to benefit the youths of the town and for public improvements are planned by the club for 1949 said Max Arants, president of the Lions.

Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Ward, Jr., and Mr. and Mrs. Lowell Merrill will spend the holidays with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Ward.

Lee Hollinden of Indiana will spend the holidays in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Hollinden.

The B. B. Castleberrys are spending the holidays in Stephenville with Mrs. Castleberry's parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. U. Head.

## THIS WEEK'S SMILES

Quick Inventory  
A young college graduate was entering the retail business conducted for 40 years by his father.

"Father," he asked, "when are we going to take inventory and learn how much we have made?"

"Son," said the father, "measure that bolt of calico on the top shelf and figure what it's worth. That's what I started with. All the rest of this place is profit."

—The Spillway, Redding, California.

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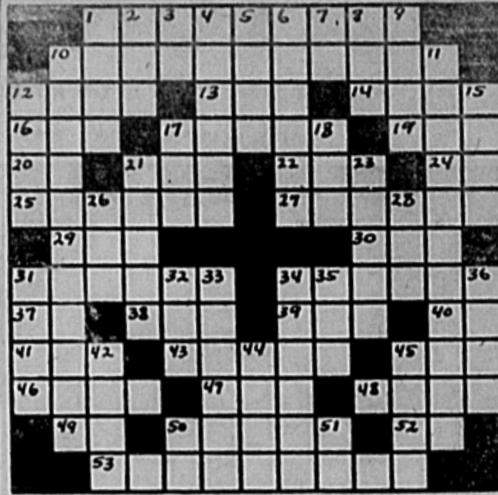
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**Space-Saving Electric Plug**  
New-type electrical plug, only a half-inch thick and connected to the cord at its side rather than at the end, is designed to contribute to neatness, space saving and better placement of furniture.

**Master Lumberjack**  
A beaver can cut through a four-inch tree in 20 minutes.

## CROSSWORD ~ ~ ~ By A. C. Gordon



- ACROSS**
- Written sworn statement used in business
  - A business deal
  - In law, a sealed written instrument containing some transfer
  - Signed Trade Corporation (abbrev.)
  - Fit of anger (poss.)
  - Man's name
  - Prosecutors for justice
  - Transmitters of Gross Anatomy (abbrev.)
  - Nickname for a sickness resulting from drink
  - Bachelor of Internal Education (abbrev.)
  - Ancient city of Chaldea (poss.)
  - Chemical suffix denoting an alcohol
  - Lubricators
  - In law, the degree of one's ownership of property
  - Latin possessive pronoun
  - Japanese sash
  - Past tense, as a vessel
  - A financial year used by business concerns
  - Indefinite article
- Business World**
- Feminine abbreviation of a holy person
  - Man's nickname
  - Syllable applied to seventh musical note
  - To equip
  - To detect
  - To rest
  - Limitation, in law
  - Also
  - A kind of advertising light
  - Measure of weight
  - Interest-paying securities
  - Chemical symbol for thorium
  - Systems for special transportation of parcels
- DOWN**
- Flat surface of ground
  - Temporary custom
  - Free Negotiation (abbrev.)
  - What a corporation does to its stock
  - An important heading to a business letter
  - Interest on invested money will do this
  - New England state (abbrev.)
  - Roman three
  - In law, a wrongful act
  - A writing in favor of one's character or ability
  - A business transaction
  - In architecture, the base of a pedestal
  - What every salesman likes to make
  - A business letter usually begins
  - Upperclassmen (abbrev.)
  - Stock market speculators
  - Cinological direction
  - Constellation
  - The radionuclide of any subject
  - A market
  - Greek letter
  - The recipient of an invoice
  - What excess of a product does to the market
  - Noun suffix equivalent to "er"
  - In law, a right in one to control a property
  - To utter taunting words
  - To sharpen
  - Leases
  - Bills Payable (abbrev.)
  - A sea vessel (abbrev.)



**4-H Club Project**  
Approximately 200,000 farm youth are taking part in the national 4-H field crops program in 1948. The program is designed to help 4-H club members acquire a better knowledge and develop skills in approved farming practices.

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Chicken lice live on the fowl's body the year around. They are not blood suckers, and experimental evidence does not show that they seriously harm the bird, except by the irritation they may cause by crawling over the sensitive skin. They are easily controlled by dusting or dipping the hens with sodium fluoride powder or solution, according to instruction on the container. Flock treatment is accomplished by painting certain liquid products on the roosting poles before dusk. This method will destroy most of the lice.

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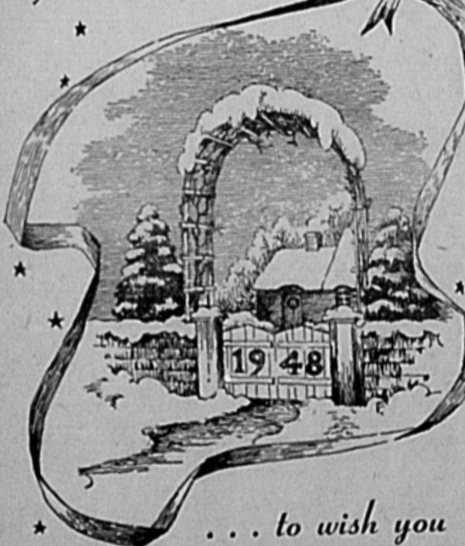
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**Over the Wire**



A large number of home owners in Slaton are anxious to have the streets paved in front of their property and it is expected that a number petitions will be circulated to get more paving in Slaton.

According to estimates there is more paving in Slaton than in any other town on the South Plains.

Most all of the cotton is this year as being gathered and what is left will be dragged say the farmers. Most all of them claim that they have lost money this season or barely broken even.

Local merchants report that there has not been as much buying for Christmas this season as last year but that better merchandise has been sold than in previous years. Many items have not been available.

When the Slatonite reporter called the J. W. Bagby home this week at 8:30 the young son reported that his mother could be gotten at the grocery store across the street where she had gone to get their breakfast.

The post office reported that more Christmas cards have been mailed here this year than last and that the postal receipts for the year are greater than last year.

**W. J. Holloway Now Serving On Carrier**  
Willie Joe Holloway, fireman apprentice, USN, son of Lenard Holloway of Route 2, Slaton, Texas, is serving aboard the aircraft carrier USS Tarawa, a unit of Task Force 38, which is now undergoing an intensive training period in the Western Pacific and the China Sea area.

These exercises are being conducted for the purpose of giving officers and men of the task force realistic training in all phases of Naval activities. In addition to the training on ship board, personnel familiarize themselves with the ports and peoples of foreign lands.

Ports of call between training maneuvers, include Honolulu, Tsingtao, China, Yokosuka, Japan, and Guam.

—WANT ADS GET RESULTS—

**Grain Bin Housecleaning**

Insects in grain bins are tiny in size but tremendous in the damage they do. The bureau of entomology and plant quarantine figures that they make away with one out of every 20 bushels of farm-stored grain, as a national average, and in some states they double that toll. The place to start in getting such insects under control is at the empty grain bin, the entomologists advise. They point out that a thorough job of housecleaning bins and spraying them with DDT, before newly-harvested grain is put in them, will get rid of hold-over infestation and give new grain a good chance to escape damage.

**Trumpeter Swans**

The trumpeter swan population of the United States, which mounted to a new high of 361 birds in 1946, declined to 350 last year, the fish and wildlife service reports.

**For Better Canning Job**

For best flavor and higher vitamin content, can red ripe firm tomatoes. Blanch them, peel and pack into jars. Process in a water-bath canner. Can berries in berry juice with the addition of a small amount of sugar. Berries canned by this method will have a nicer color and flavor. Peel table ripe peaches by blanching in hot water, then cool in cold water. Firmer peaches may be peeled by dipping in a lye solution. To prevent discoloration of frozen peaches, add ascorbic acid and citric acid to the sugar or sugar syrup.

**Famous Recluse**

The two most famous years in the life of Henry Thoreau were those he spent as a recluse in his self-made shanty in the woods near Walden pond, 1845-47. Here the philosopher lived happily on a bare pittance.

**CHRISTMAS GREETINGS**

*and thanks*

**CHRISTMAS HAPPINESS**

And best wishes to all friends and customers for a prosperous New Year.

**ELECTRICIAN, ALBERT KUSS**

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THE MANAGEMENT OF PIGGLY WIGGLY: JOE DAVIS, BILL HUMPHRIES, and CLIFFORD WILLIAMS of Lubbock and MR. AND MRS. M. H. LASATER, MR. AND MRS. B. H. GUEST, FRANK WILLIAMS, BOBBY EDMONDSON and all of the Slaton Piggly Wiggly personnel WISH YOU:

The Employees of  
*West Texas Gas Company* wish you a  
**Merry Christmas**



And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people.  
For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, which is Christ the Lord.  
And this shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger.  
And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying,  
Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men.

**MERRY CHRISTMAS**

AND SAY MAY ALL OF YOUR FONDEST

**Wishes Come True**

**11TH HOUR SHOPPERS SPECIALS**      **PECANS 59c**  
PIECES, 1 POUND PKG.

<b>SPRY</b> 3 Lbs. <b>99c</b>	<b>Walnuts</b> 1 Lb. <b>43c</b>	<b>SUGAR</b> 10 Lbs. <b>85c</b>
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**"YOU MUST BE SATISFIED"**  
**PIGGLY WIGGLY**

# West Texas Roundup

Thomas Floyd Westfall, age 1 year, 8 days, died Sunday, December 12, in the polio clinic in Plainview. Young Tommy, son of Mr.

and Mrs. J. T. Westfall, had been in the polio clinic at Plainview for the past nine weeks. —Canyon News

The names of 18 needy families had been reported to the Post Chamber of Commerce office by press time. They and any others, whose names are reported by Wednesday, December 22, will be remembered with Christmas baskets on Christmas day. —Post Dispatch

Nearly 600 visitors registered at the Museum during the past week. The attendance for 1948 reached 48,936, which is just 1064 under

the goal of 50,000 set by Boone McClure. The Museum will be closed on December 24 and 25, and citizens of Canyon are urged to go to this popular spot for a visit before those dates. —Canyon News

Never before, as far back as this writer can remember, has anything so undeniably beautiful been staged in Colorado City, as the Nativity scene outlined against the white background of the local Junior High school. Mrs. Clark Prather, Junior High school art teacher and approximately two hundred of her students completed

the project this week. While observing this masterpiece, it gives one the feeling of turning back the pages of time and witnessing the birth of Christ, for every character is very life like and real. —Colorado Record

Plans for the Southwestern Associated Telephone company's for installation of a dial telephone system in Sundown and expansion of cable and wire system were announced today by G. D. Shelley District Manager for the company. The City Council at its meeting last Thursday night, passed a resolution stating that it believes the most of the citizens of Sundown

wanted dial telephone service and were willing to pay the charges necessary for such service. —Hockley Co. Herald

Garza County does not have to be a part of the "Dust Bowl." Making a trip through the farming section of the Duck Creek Soil Conservation District after the recent dust storms, local Soil Conservation technicians observed that the land surrounding Post is not so far gone that it cannot pull itself out of the "Dust Bowl." —Post Dispatch

Crosbyton is to be highly congratulated this year on having one of the best lighted towns in the state for the Christmas holidays. "I drove from San Antonio to Crosbyton at night," one visitor said this week, "and you have the best lighted small town on the road." —Crosbyton Review

Scurry County's fourth indicated Pennsylvania lime discovery well, Placid Oil Company of Dallas No. 1 T. Cornelius Davis, six miles north and east of Snyder, was bottomed at 7,405 feet at last report in a Pennsylvania zone. A completion test is being taken. —Scurry Co. Times

Qualified voters of the City of Levelland will go to the polls on Tuesday, January 18, to determine whether or not Levelland will adopt or reject the proposed Home Rule Charter, according to an announcement made this week. —Hockley Co. Herald

The Shell Pipe Line Corporation has made a valuable and generous gift to Colorado City High school. On Wednesday morning, December 8th, in a special assembly in the High School auditorium, A. F. Terrell, Area superintendent of the West Texas Area for Shell, presented the school with a set of the 1948 edition of Encyclopedia Britannica of twenty-four volumes. —Colorado Record

Mayor K. R. Durham, Pat Hines, and others with the City government have devised a house-numbering system for Tahoka that will be of great convenience to the citizens and to strangers or other non-residents who may wish to locate any one living here. A complete map of the city showing the location of every residence in it has been made and a number has been assigned to every house,

which number may be procured at the office of the city secretary. —Lynn Co. News

The five Tahoka gins reported Wednesday afternoon that a total of 7,985 bales of cotton had been ginned here this season. Just a little more than 400 bales have been ginned here since our report of two weeks ago. —Lynn Co. News

Be on hand neighbor, yes just be around the triangle on the Court House Square any and all the four days before Christmas. At 2:30 P. M., Tuesday, Decem-

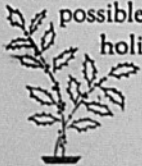
ber 21, the local Junior Chamber of Commerce will drop a nice size turkey from the top of the Court House. The person who catches the turkey is the winner. —Lynn Co. News

**Long-Lived Ant**  
Life span of an ant frequently reaches 15 years, which is unusually long for an insect.

**Mole a Great Worker**  
To perform a work equal to that of a mole, a man, in size comparison, would have to dig a tunnel wide enough to permit the passage of his body and 37 times longer in a single night.



We Hope... that your home is blessed with all the contentment possible during this holiday season.



We're stopping by with a cheery greeting.

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And lots of it, for friends, old and new.



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# Season's Greetings to YOU and YOU and YOU

As representatives of hundreds of the Nation's best lines of merchandise in Slaton and over the territory, we feel that at this season of the year it is fitting that we express our appreciation for the patronage of the thousands of customers who have visited our store. We have been of mutual benefit to each other. This store is vitally interested in you and your welfare and all of us employed here extend our best wishes to you.

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Culligan Soft Water Service is the gift that keeps giving all the year . . . whether it's for dishes, laundry or bath . . . a single day in the entire 365 will be a lot easier with soft water the Culligan way. Call us about it today. See us for high capacity Zeolite and Industrial or Domestic Softeners.

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**Rosemary**  
Evergreen shrub called rosemary gets its name from a Latin term which means "sea dew" because it looks like a mist blown over meadows from the sea.

**To Remove Paint**  
Strong solution of lye water will remove any paint spilled on concrete floors or driveways. Be sure to rinse the floor well with clean water after the paint has been removed.

**Champion Jumper**  
Great gray kangaroo, called "boomer" by the Australians, can easily leap over obstacles five feet high and cover with a single bound more than 25 feet.

**Farm Labor Camps**  
A total of 109 farm labor camps, used in housing migratory agricultural workers under the recently concluded farm labor program, have been sold by the department of agriculture. Most of these camps will continue to be used as housing for farm workers, and will continue in operation on the same sites, which were leased by the government when the camps were built.

### Testing for Purity



Flavorings that you use in making candy, frostings, or other foods at home are a product of purity. They are made synthetically and manufacturers take extreme care in safeguarding this purity. Laboratory tests have proven that wintergreen flavoring for example, is 99.9 per cent pure—which is a higher degree of purity than even natural wintergreen oil. Estelle Girard, laboratory technician at the Hayden Chemical Corporation, is shown here making just one of the purity tests. By looking into the test tubes against transmitted light, she makes sure the synthetic oil of wintergreen is colorless and free of foreign matter.

**Fertilizing Ponds**  
To grow more fish, wise farmers fertilize their fish ponds throughout the summer and fall. Fish growth is slow when there is little fertilizer in the water, states E. F. Kennamer, Alabama Polytechnic Institute extension wildlife specialist. Underwater weeds also grow faster because sunlight can penetrate deeper through unfertilized water," he says. A good way to determine when more fertilizer is needed is to stick your arm straight down into the water until it touches your elbow. Then if you can see the tips of your fingers it's time to fertilize. One application of fertilizer consists of 100 pounds 6-8-4 and 10 pounds nitrate of soda or its equivalent to each acre of water.

**Compound 1089**  
Compound 1089 is an effective rat poison, but it is extremely toxic to dogs and livestock.

**Location of Apiaries**  
Bees will fly an average distance of one and one-half to two miles in search of nectar and pollen, and much farther if necessary. It is seldom practical, therefore, to locate apiaries closer than a mile apart, unless the nectar production warrants. The number of colonies in any particular region will also influence the number that should be kept in each apiary.

—WANT ADS GET RESULTS—



*Merry Christmas*

SINCERE  
GOOD WISHES  
for a delightful  
holiday season  
from the store  
that friendship  
built.

Your business is our greatest asset. We look forward to serving you for another year in '49.  
**L. E. Brasfield**  
Plumbing

**Lightning Warning to Farmers**  
Lightning tends to strike the highest point in the vicinity. This may be a barn, tree, or a man working in the field. A building adequately equipped with lightning rods affords the best protection. If you are working in a field and do not have time to seek the protection of a rodded building, lie down in a low spot in the field, away from wire fences, trees, livestock and machinery. Avoid seeking shelter under trees, particularly lone trees or small groves. Wire fences and machinery should also be avoided during electrical storms because they attract lightning.

**Daily Calcium Requirement**  
One ounce of hard cheese furnishes one-third of an adult's daily need for calcium.

Note pads 30c per pound at the Scratch pads at the Slatonite 30c per pound.

We have our Christmas cards on display and ready for your selection, priced from \$1.25 per box to \$3.50 per box. They are here ready to deliver with your name printed or on sale as they are. A wide selection to choose from at the SLATONITE.

### Can Black-Draught Help That Headachy Feeling?

Yes, Black-Draught may help you when you feel lousy if the only reason you feel that way is because of constipation. Black-Draught, the friendly laxative, is usually prompt and thorough when taken as directed. It costs only a penny or less a dose. That's why it has been a best-seller with four generations. If you are troubled with such symptoms as loss of appetite, headache, upset stomach, flatulence, pyrosis, fatigue, sleeplessness, mental lassitude, bad breath—and if these symptoms are due only to constipation—try Black-Draught. Get a package today.

*Thanks, Friends.*

**MERRY CHRISTMAS**



MAY THE TREASURE OF ACCUMULATED MEMORIES of Christmases past and gone gladden your Christmas celebration this year. We wish for you all the good things for which Christmas has always stood.

**PEMBER INSURANCE AGENCY**

SLATON, TEXAS



May true happiness come to you and yours on this Day of Days.

**SELF'S SERVICE STATION**



Just for a minute, we relive all the joys and raptures of childhood as we behold the bright tinsel and the gay wrappings of the boxes stacked high under the Christmas tree.



May your gift be an assurance that all your most cherished dreams and hopes will be realized—that is our wish for you at this happy Yuletide season.



ALLAN PAYNE RONA SCHRAMM VIC PAYNE  
DAISY WILSON and WILMA COLLINS

## Tidings of Joy



May the Christmas star shed its radiant light on you and your family as we celebrate once more this glorious Event.

**O. D. KENNEY**  
AUTO PARTS

### Delta Sigma Club Has Annual Ball

The Delta Sigma Sub-Deb Club's annual Christmas Ball was scheduled to be held last night, Thursday, December 23, at the American Legion Hall.

The hall was made beautiful with a background of blue, studded with silver stars. A white picket fence across one end of the hall with an arch over the gate, was trimmed with greenery and decorated Christmas trees were placed at each end of the fence.

The new president, Frances Hunter, and the out-going president, Irma Lou Gregory, were to be presented, as well as the Club Sweethearts.

All members and exes were to take part in the grand march.

### Surprise Is Given Mrs. Geo. Hilbers

Mrs. George Hilbers was honored with a surprise birthday party on Wednesday evening, December 15, at her home. She and Mr. Hilbers had spent the afternoon visiting a friend in a Lubbock hospital and did not return home until around 7:00 o'clock. When they arrived home, she found the table set with her best silver and china and a huge white cake in the center, with "Happy Birthday" written in gold. A nice supper was ready, prepared by Mrs. Bill Walter and Mrs. Bob Elbert. Others present were Mr. Bill Walter, and children, Willie Mae, Duane, and Rueben, Mr. Bob Elbert and son, Bobbie Riece, and Miss Julia and Leslie Mae Calleps.

### JUNIOR DEPT. OF S. S. HAS CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

The Junior Department of the Methodist Sunday School had their Christmas tree and program Monday night in the basement of the church. The children enjoyed a visit from Santa Claus and gifts were distributed. Rev. O. B. Herring and Mrs. W. P. Layne, general superintendent, received beautiful potted poinsettias, and Mrs. C. L. Heaton, Jr. Supt., received a picture, all gifts from the department.

Frosted punch, cookies and nuts were served. About seventy-five members were present.

Everett Hodge is spending this week in Cactus, Texas.

### Nanna Lou Elder And A. C. Ethridge Are Married Monday

Mr. and Mrs. Grady Elder are announcing the marriage of their daughter, Nanna Lou, to Mr. A. C. Ethridge, son of Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Ethridge of Wilson. The marriage ceremony was performed on December 20, in the Methodist parsonage at Carlsbad, N. M., with the Rev. L. B. Trone officiating.

Mrs. Ethridge is a senior in Slaton High School and Mr. Ethridge is employed by the City Cab Co. For the present the young couple will be at home at 200 S. 8th St.

### O. E. S. BRINGS GIFTS FOR BASKETS

A regular stated meeting of the Slaton O. E. S. was held at the Masonic Hall Tuesday, December 14, at 7:30.

The hall was beautifully decorated in keeping with the Yuletide season. Chapter members brought good will gifts of food and these were placed under a large Christmas tree. With these gifts, two baskets were packed for needy families.

A Christmas program was given under the direction of Mrs. J. B. Huckabay, as follows: Singing, Christmas carols by the group; Songs, "Santa Claus is Coming to Town," trio, Mrs. James Masterson, Nancy Teague and Joyce Sexton; a Christmas story told by Mrs. Huckabay.

In the dining room, refreshments of Christmas cookies and punch were served to forty-two members and guests.

The next regular meeting will be held Tuesday, Dec. 28.

### AUXILIARY INSTALLS NEW OFFICERS

The Ladies' Auxiliary of the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen held installation of officers at their regular lodge meeting on Thursday, December 23. The retiring president was Mrs. Pherne Thomas. The president for the coming year is Mrs. Birdie Culver.

The Auxiliary held their annual Christmas party in the home of Mrs. Arthur Bently. Gifts were exchanged and refreshments were served. A past president's pin was presented to Mrs. Pherne Thomas.

Mr. and Mrs. D. J. Speed and children are spending the holidays with Mrs. M. D. Gamble.

# Society - Clubs

### Nowell Family Has Reunion Here Sun.

The home of Mr. and Mrs. O. D. Kenney was the scene of a family reunion of Mrs. Kenney's family last Sunday. The nine brothers and sisters of the Nowell family were present. All the members of their families were also present with the exception of three. Forty-five persons enjoyed the big Christmas dinner and a day of family fellowship.

The following out of town guests were present: Mr. and Mrs. O. A. Nowell and family of Muleshoe, Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Nowell and family of Quanah, Mr. and Mrs. O. E. Nowell and family of Lubbock, Mr. and Mrs. Elbert Nowell of Muleshoe, Mr. and Mrs. Ardie Nowell and family of Lovington, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Nowell and family of Muleshoe, Mrs. E. J. Kenney of Wellington, Kans., and Mr. and Mrs. S. V. Taylor and family of Plains, Texas.

### Mrs. C. H. Green Is Hostess To Chorus

On last Friday night Mrs. C. H. Green was hostess to the members of the P.T.A. Mothers Chorus at her home at 955 W. Lynn. The evening was spent in visiting, singing carols and readings were given by Mrs. Virgie Hunter and Mrs. R. W. Cudd. Numbers were drawn for the gifts around the Christmas tree and Santa Claus came and distributed the gifts. A gift was given to Mrs. Green from the Chorus to show their regard for her and their appreciation of her efforts in their behalf.

The hostess served delicious refreshments of pie and coffee, with peppermint canes as plate favors.

### MIKE HADDOCK HAS PARTY ON 11TH BIRTHDAY

On last Saturday afternoon, Dec. 18, Mrs. Edwin Haddock entertained honoring her son, Michael's eleventh birthday. Twenty-five of Michael's classmates and friends were served refreshments and then taken to the picture show.

### Social Is Enjoyed By Win One Class

The Win One class of the Methodist Church met Friday afternoon, December 17, in the church basement for their Christmas social.

The meeting was opened by the group singing Christmas carols. Mrs. Harlan offered prayer. Mrs. Pinkston brought the devotional and gave the story of "Silent Night," which was written in 1818. This was followed by the group singing, "Silent Night," accompanied by Mrs. L. W. Smith.

Gifts were exchanged and Sunshine Sisters revealed. Plans were made to deliver some Christmas baskets. Also a donation of \$109.25 was given to be sent to the Methodist Home at Waco, Texas. Refreshments were served to twenty-six members.

Hostesses were Mrs. C. E. Brown, Mrs. J. E. Rucker, Mrs. Joe Walker, sr., and Mrs. L. W. Smith.

The next meeting will be in the home of Mrs. W. R. Wilson, with Mrs. P. H. Appling as hostess.

### Buffet Supper Is Feature Of Party

The Daughters of the Pioneer Study Club were entertained on Monday night in the home of Mrs. Melvin Tudor, with Mrs. John Sims, Mrs. Max Arrants and Mrs. A. C. Strickland, jr., as co-hostesses.

A buffet supper was served to the members of the club. The home was resplendent with Yuletide decorations and individual tables were adorned with pine cone corsages for each member.

Following the supper, Mrs. Glen Payne gave a talk on, "The Christmas Rush" and Mrs. D. C. Stotts told the story of "How Come Christmas." Gifts were then exchanged around the beautiful Christmas tree.

Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Mack from Ballinger and Mrs. Lucien LaRoe from Whitewright visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Mack last weekend. Mrs. LaRoe also visited with her friend, Mrs. W. B. Hestand.

### Series Of Yuletide Parties Are Held

Among the many Yuletide parties being held during the holiday season, one of the largest and most enjoyable was that held at the country home of Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Abernathy last Saturday night, when Mr. and Mrs. Abernathy held open house honoring their house guests, Miss Jewel Owen of Dallas and Judge C. R. Starnes of Glade-water.

The Abernathy home has recently been redecorated and is a work of art throughout. Roses and carnations were used to add color and beauty to the already lovely party rooms.

Elaborate refreshments including open face smoked turkey and ham sandwiches and many other delicacies were served to more than one hundred friends who called.

### Davies Entertain

Mr. and Mrs. Robt. Hall Davis also held open house for their friends from 8:00 until 9:30 Saturday night at their home at 655 West Garza. The home was gay with Yuletide decorations, delicious refreshments were served, and many friends called during the receiving hours.

### Open House In Lubbock

On Wednesday night of this week Dr. and Mrs. John L. Cobb were co-hosts with Mr. and Mrs. Charles L. Cobb at an open house held in Lubbock at 3207 Twenty-first St. Friends were received between the hours of eight and ten.

### Sewells Receive

On Tuesday evening, December 21, between the hours of 7 and 8 p. m., Mr. and Mrs. Wm. R. Sewell were at home to many of their friends at 855 S. 14th St. The Yuletide season furnished the motif for decorations and refreshments.

Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Adkins, Reta Jo, Miss Fannie Castleberry and Mr. J. E. Castleberry left Thursday to spend the holidays in Albuquerque with Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Marr.

### Reta Fred Stephens Is Married In Double Ring Ceremony At Baptist Church Sunday



Mrs. James Dillard Traugott

Silver wedding bells hanging from an archway of fern, white roses and white carnations formed the background for the wedding ceremony which united Miss Reta Fred Stephens, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Frederick Stephens, and James Dillard Traugott, son of Mr. and Mrs. John P. Traugott of Versailles, Ky. Large baskets of white carnations and roses and tiered candelabra were placed on either side of the archway and the bridal aisle was marked with maline bows centered with rosebuds.

Rev. W. F. Ferguson read the double ring ceremony at 5 o'clock Sunday afternoon, December 19, at the First Baptist Church. Miss Helen Ruth Ferguson of Slaton and Miss Eudania McCormick of New Home were candlelighters.

Miss Elizabeth Norman of Amarillo offered traditional wedding music on the organ. Mrs. D. E. Ing sang "Entreat Me Not to Leave Thee," "Thine Alone," and, as the couple knelt, "O Perfect Love."

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, wore a dress of white bridal slipper satin with a fitted bodice, batteau neckline, long sleeves pointed at the wrists, peplum pointed at the waist and extending into a cathedral length train. Her full length veil of bridal illusion was attached to

a tiara of braided satin. The dress and veil were made by the bride's mother. She carried a nosegay of white rose buds showered with stephanotis and satin streamers on a white satin Bible. Her only jewelry was a pearl necklace, a gift of the bridegroom.

Miss Barbara Sue Stephens, sister of the bride, was maid of honor, wearing a dress of forrest green faille fashioned after the bride's.

The bridesmaids, Miss Vysta Ward, Mrs. John M. Fondy, jr., Miss Betty Jo Gentry and Mrs. Wayne Kenney wore dresses of turquoise faille made exactly as the maid of honor's. All attendants carried nosegays of white roses encircled with dubonnet carnations.

Henry Donohue of Pineville, La., served as best man. Ushers were Wayland Stephens, brother of the bride, Marvin Beaver of Hunt, Wyatt Heard of Atlanta, Ga., and Waylon Ferguson.

The bride is a graduate of Slaton High school, attended Mary Hardin-Baylor college at Belton one year, and is now a senior at Baylor university, Waco. She is a member of Tri D club.

Mr. Traugott was graduated from Versailles High school, served four years in the Marine corps, including three and one-half years overseas. He recently completed work on his BA degree at Baylor, and will do graduate work there.

Immediately following the ceremony a reception was held at the Slaton Club House. The bride's table was laid with a white linen cloth adorned with three white rope candles with tiny dubonnet satin bows on each. Silver tea service was used at one end of the table, and the centerpiece was an interlocked wedding ring cake. Music was offered by Miss Betty Jo Gentry and Miss Jeannette Burrell.

Mrs. A. C. Strickland, jr., cut the cake, assisted in serving by Mrs. Gordon Burrell and Mrs. E. Culver. Mrs. Seaborn Teague, Mrs. Sam Phillips and Mrs. J. J. Maxey poured. Miss Anna Doris Phillips greeted guests, while Misses Paula Maxey, Shirley Teague, Maybelle Pember and Josephine Shepherd registered them.

For her wedding trip to New Mexico the bride chose a brown and beige men's wear woolen cord-dress with gold and brown accessories and a brown orchid corsage.

After Jan. 1, the couple will be at home at 714 Franklin avenue, Waco.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Delaney and children of Clovis, N. M., are expected to spend Christmas in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Wolf. Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Wolf of Abilene are also to be guests in the Wolf home here.

# Merry Christmas

## The '49 Ford

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## And All Its Employees

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## Greetings

A Christmas of joy and contentment; of peace, good cheer and happiness—that is our wish for you and yours this joyous Yuletide season.

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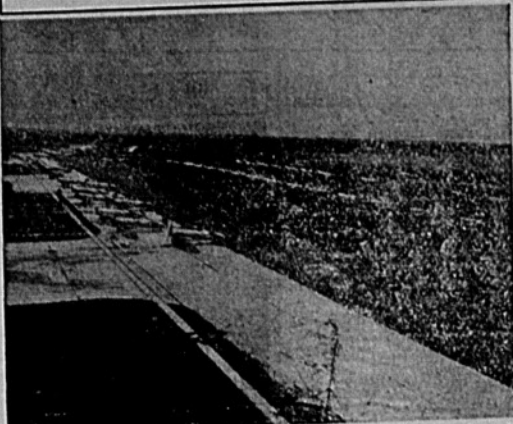
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**Song Birds Destroy Pests**  
Those people who say song birds aren't good for anything are in for a surprise, says Frank Fitch, Jr., wild life specialist of the Georgia extension service. As many as 68 different birds feed on cotton insects, he pointed out. Fifty-seven kinds of birds feed on the May beetle and 128 birds on wireworms.

**To Ship Fudge**  
Homemade fudge may be shipped successfully if it is poured, while warm, into a tin pan which has been lined with several thicknesses of waxed paper. Leave sufficient paper to cover top and fudge may be lifted off by means of this top paper. The recipient who cuts the candy finds it fresh as when packed.

**Planes Muster at 'Annapolis of the Air'**



The busy flight line of the Naval Air Station at Pensacola will roar into action shortly as Naval Aviation Cadets jump into their sturdy SNJ trainers and taxi out for a practice hop. Pensacola Naval Air Station, the "Annapolis of the Air," is the focus of the recently reactivated Naval Aviation Cadet training program, which is open to healthy, single young men between 18 and 25, with at least two years of college. Upon graduation they are commissioned ensigns in the Naval Reserve, or second lieutenants in the Marine Corps Reserve, are awarded their wings and assigned to two years' active duty.



**DR. JAIME TORRES BODET**  
Jaime Torres Bodet, Foreign Minister of Mexico, was elected Director-General of the U.N. Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (Unesco), by its General Conference which met at Beirut, Lebanon, last November.

**Says Pacific Going Communist**



**SONOMA, CALIF.** — Admiral Charles M. Cooke, Jr., (above) told the United Press in an exclusive interview that "control in the Western Pacific is now passing to the Communists." Cooke, who spent two years as commander of Naval forces in that area, charged that U.S. action in China has been ineffective.

**Ancient Swiss Custom**  
In certain sections of Switzerland it is customary to make a wheel of cheese when a daughter is born in the family, and not to cut this wheel until her wedding day.

**"Artificial Cows" Increasing**  
Farmer members of artificial dairy herd experimentation associations own about 1,750,000 cows. The total number of cows owned by such associations members in 1940 was less than 25,000.

**Beware Coughs From Common Colds That HANG ON**

Creomulsion relieves promptly because it goes right to the seat of the trouble to help loosen and expel germ laden mucus and aid nature in restoring mucous membranes. Your druggist to sell you a bottle of Creomulsion with the understanding you must like the way it quickly allays the cough or you are to have your money back.

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**Season's Greetings**

**1949**

**Good Health! Good Cheer!**  
**SLATON BAKERY**

**Champion Fisherman**  
When a kingfisher catches a fish it returns to its perch, tosses the fish into the air, and catches it again by the head, which it swallows first.

**To Clean Sewing Machine**  
A new muckage brush is excellent for cleaning the small crevices of the sewing machine. This will help keep it in good condition. Clean well around the needle bar, and then put the brush away for future use.



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**For Beet Growers**  
Beet growers who use mechanical means to thin the stands are cautioned to make sure they are leaving 120 beets for every 100 feet in rows spaced 25 inches apart or 100 beets for each 120 feet of 22-inch rows.

**Five Governors**  
Territory of Hawaii has had five governors since becoming a territory of the United States in 1900. The first governor was Sanford B. Dole who also served as president of the Republic of Hawaii from 1894 to 1899.

**Pocket Gophers**  
Pocket gophers are second only to ground squirrels in total damage to the agriculture of California. They are most troublesome in the areas that are intensively cultivated, and in the more fertile soils. Effective control will far reduce their numbers and the damage they do.

**'48 Christmas Joy!**

Just a line to express our true regard and friendship for you on this Day.

**HOME FURNITURE CO.**

**Sincere Wishes for a Merry Christmas**

**LET'S ALL BE HAPPY!**

Christmas is likely to become too prosaic to many of us grownups, but to boyhood's eager eyes it is a time of preparation and expectancy... an enchanted season when the woodland is hushed and even ordinary tasks take on the glamor and joy of dragging home the Christmas tree.

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**Season's Greetings**

**1948**

We are deeply grateful for your patronage, and wish you all a Merry Christmas.

**SLATON BUTANE & APPLIANCE**  
E. R. and W. H. Heinrich



**Dishwashing Short-cuts**  
Do you stack your dishes at the table and use a tray to carry them to the kitchen sink? That's one of the price step-saving principles of the new 4-H club project, "Make Dishwashing Fun." The youngsters learn that the "dishes chore" can be an interesting exercise in efficiency—rather than dreaded drudgery; that nearly everyone can cut down the time it takes to do dishes by figuring out shortcuts—and that the times goes faster by singing songs or playing guessing games while your hands are busy.

**Shade Fruits to Avoid Sun**  
Though sunshine is very important for proper ripening, it will damage most fruits seriously if they are left in it after they are harvested. To prevent such damage, farmers should place fruits in the shade immediately after harvesting. Loads of crops such as peaches, watermelons and tomatoes should be covered on their way to packing sheds or to markets.

L. L. Lively spent a few days the first of the week visiting with his mother and brother in Kilgore.

Large and regular size wire the Slatonite.

—WANT ADS GET RESULTS—



**BOBBY J. TRIMBLE NOW IN THE INFANTRY**

Ret. Bobby J. Trimble, 18, son of E. E. Trimble, Route 2, Post, Texas, has just completed 8 weeks basic training with Company E, 8th Regiment of the famed Fourth Infantry Division, Ford Ord, Calif., and is awaiting further assignment to a regular Army unit.

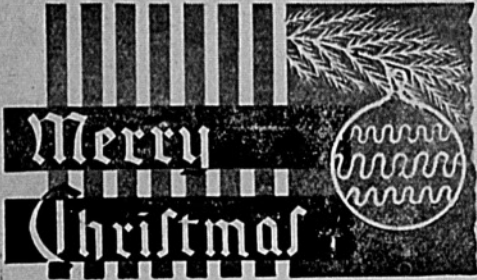
Ret. Bobby J. Trimble last attended school at the Southland High School, Southland, Texas. He enlisted in the Army at Lubbock, Sept. 21, 1948 for a term of 2 years.

While attending school he was active in football, basketball, and softball. While in basic training Ret. Bobby J. Trimble qualified as a sharpshooter.

—WANT ADS GET RESULTS—



**A LA LAMOUR**—Dorothy Lamour, actress-singer and femcee of NBC's "Searl's Variety Show," wears a hibiscus flower in her hair in a caricature by the noted artist, Sam Berman.



- \* May the true joys and blessings of that first Yuletide be yours today—
- \* 'Peace on Earth
- \* Good Will Toward Men.'

1948

MODERN WAY FOOD STORE

**UNIVERSAL APPEAL**—Dennis Day's universal appeal as a vocalist and comedian is firmly established, but here the NBC star is making a universal appeal of another nature—urging all to "Buy Christmas Seals" to aid the fight against tuberculosis.

**Netherlands Trade**  
Despite manifold difficulties, Holland's trade with Germany increased slightly in the second half of 1947, according to the first annual report published by the Netherlands Trust Company for Trade with Foreign Countries. The company was floated in January 1947. In agreement with the Netherlands Government and the Allied occupation authorities in Germany for the purpose of promoting Netherlands trade with Germany and other countries.

**U. S. Anti-Icing Program**  
U. S. Navy's future program for thermal anti-icing will include: advancement in designs of the present systems, development of the electrical blanket, and the use of fluids other than air for conducting heat from the primary source to the surfaces to be anti-iced, states Lieut. Com. O. A. Soll, of the bureau of aeronautics, Washington, D. C. "The operation of carrier-based aircraft is being extended to areas necessitating protection against the most adverse environmental conditions," Commander Soll said. "Operating as an all-weather weapon, the carrier-based aircraft must be equipped with icing prevention systems."



From where I sit... by Joe Marsh

**Dutch Miller's Back In Uniform**

After ten days in the city, Dutch is back in uniform. I don't mean Army khaki or Navy blue—but a different uniform, that's every bit as patriotic and American.

Blue jeans and a denim shirt, for work around the yards and barns; stout boots for tramping through the fields; and a straw hat when the sun gets high—a uniform you see from Maine to Texas, Iowa to Alabama.

It's the uniform of an army—the great army of American farmers who, by their productivity, are

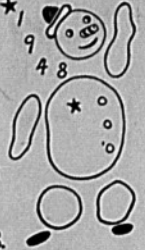
helping to keep this nation strong—bolstering the forces of democracy that guard our freedom.

And in their way of life, too, they are champions of freedom. Temperate folk who enjoy a moderate glass of beer—but never quarrel with those who prefer cider. Tolerant people who fight to the bitter end against oppression and intolerance. From where I sit, a credit to America!

Joe Marsh

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"OLD-FASHIONED CHRISTMAS!" WE HOPE YOU HAVE ONE, AND THAT THE THOUGHT OF SUCH A DAY BRINGS YOU A FLOOD OF HAPPY MEMORIES.

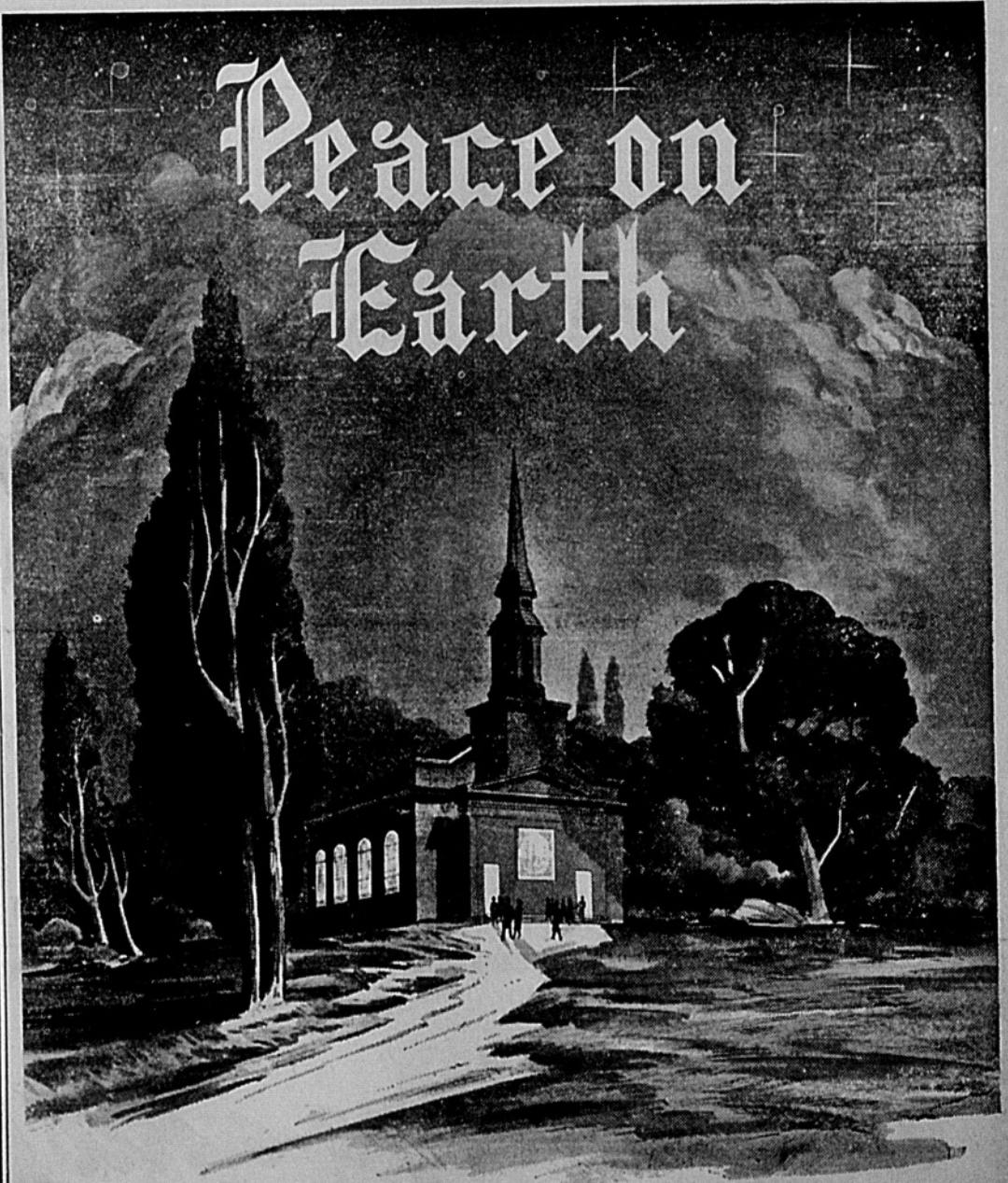


SLATON MATTRESS CO.



It's Christmastime, and we are happy once more to extend our heartiest Yule greetings to a host of good friends, young and old, old and new.

A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS TO YOU!  
UNION COMPRESS & WAREHOUSE CO.



**SOUTHWESTERN PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANY**

24 YEARS OF GOOD CITIZENSHIP AND PUBLIC SERVICE

Lloyd Moyer, minister of the Church of Christ here, closed a meeting at the Pioneer Park Church of Christ in Lubbock Sunday night. Herschel Dyer, minister of the Lubbock Church, filled the pulpit here last Sunday.

**Farm Use of Grains**

Slightly over two-thirds of the total U. S. grain supply remains on the farm for seed and animal feed.

**African Violets**

African violets should bloom the year round if they get lots of water and a consistent amount of sun.

Mrs. Dudley Berry returned Friday from Dallas, where she accompanied Mr. Berry's mother, Mrs. O. L. Berry of Seagraves, to see a specialist. A very encouraging report on Mrs. Berry's health was received.

**Secretary Bird**

A funny looking bird is the secretary bird, so named because of the pen-like tuft of feathers stuck clerkwise at the back of its head. This bird is a crane-like creature which feeds on insects and reptiles. It is a native of Africa.

**It Looks Like A Dusty Christmas**

The Dallas News recently reported that the people of that area were making a habit of breathing through damp cloths on account of the dust storms and a Slaton visitor who was in Dallas on the day that the report was published said that it would have been a clear day for this time of the year in West Texas.

Many people in Slaton and Lubbock report severe headaches that they ascribe to the dust and the doctors are doing a good business with sinus treatments.

Government reports are that the same situation now exists that caused the severe dust storms in 1933 and 1934 when many West Texas farmers gave up their farms and left.

**Darwin and Earthworms**

Charles Robert Darwin (1809-1882), famous English naturalist, a short time before his death published the results of his many years of observations and experiments with earthworms. No other person has contributed so much to our knowledge of their habits, behavior and performance. His work is a classic of careful observations, painstaking experiments, and conservative deductions. His conclusions have been generally accepted, nearly every text and reference book containing some mention of his work.

**When Ironing**

Small amount of salt in starch will help prevent the iron from sticking. If sticking should occur, the sole of the iron may be cleaned by rubbing it in salt or paraffin while hot and then polishing with a dry cloth.

**New Star Gazer**

The giant sky camera atop Mount Palomar, Calif., will probe a billion light years into space, gathering knowledge of stars and galaxies utterly beyond reach today. It has a 200-inch telescope mirror.

Mr. and Mrs. Bode S. Adams of Lubbock will spend Christmas in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Hadcock.

**Source of Cinnamon**

Most cinnamon used in America is the powdered bark of the cassia tree, which is more pungent than the bark of the true cinnamon tree.

**MATERIALS SUPPLY IS BEST IN MANY YEARS**

While all building material made of metal are still scarce, there is a better supply of lumber on the market now than there has been in several years say the building material dealers in Slaton.

New building construction has slowed up some but this is due, contractors and supply men believe, to the season of the year. Real estate is not moving as fast as it did for a while but business in that line is picking up according to local agents. The first of the year will likely see considerable changes in some business lines and one or two new lines of businesses are reported in the offing.

**Contour Planting Pays**

Importance of planting corn around the hillsides of sloping land is seen in the records of two groups of farmers in Madison county, Ky., 13 bushels more corn per acre being produced where contour planting was used. Eighty-two farmers, who entered the 1947 Corn Derby, planted their fields on the contour and averaged 94.3 bushels of corn to the acre, said Farm Agent J. Lester Miller. In contrast, 181 farmers, planting their sloping land in straight rows, averaged only 79.3 bushels an acre.

David Dart, assistant minister of the Church of Christ, preached at the Floydada Church of Christ last Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Hoover are home for the holidays from Henderson, Tenn., where he is attending college.

Mr. L. B. Lyle of Belzoni, Miss., is visiting in the home of his daughter, Mrs. Dudley Berry, and family.

Gene Berkley went to Hereford Sunday to spend several days visiting in the home of his great-aunt, Mrs. Elmer Gollehon.

Mr. and Mrs. John Berkley spent last Wednesday evening in Big Spring visiting in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Elrod.

**Emanuel Swedenborg**  
Although Emanuel Swedenborg did not intend to found a new religious sect, one grew up after his death in 1772, and it still is in existence. His followers are known as Swedenborgians and are members of the New Jerusalem church.

—WANT ADS GET RESULTS—



A Cheery Christmas Season To All...



HENZLER GROCERY

1948 BEST WISHES FOR



Cheerily we add our voice to the many happy ones raised in the wish...

MERRY CHRISTMAS!



PLAINS LUMBER CO.



Christmas is always a welcome event with us, for two reasons:

First, because we enjoy the spirit of friendliness that is all-prevailing; second, because it affords an appropriate opportunity of expressing our sincere appreciation for your valued patronage.

It has, indeed, been a pleasure to serve you, and in sending you our best wishes for a Merry Christmas we do so with the hope that the Christmas season will transcend all of its predecessors in real happiness for you.

FITZGERALD ELECTRIC



Hearty greetings, and a sincere wish for your happiness on Christmas Day.

THE LEON THEATRES  
SLATON G. S. Hill, Mgr. PALACE

*Greetings and Best Wishes*

DICKSON HATCHERY



**HELPER BROTHER**— Five-year-old Melvin Miles, who appears frequently as one of the juvenile experts on NBC's "Quiz Kids" program, acts as baby-sitter for little brother Lawrence while mother is busy preparing the family dinner. Melvin is initiating Lawrence into the mysteries of toy aviation.



Christmas decorating is in full swing at the Texas Scottish Rite Hospital for Crippled Children as Richard Ooley, Spearman, and John Ballard, Dallas, trim a Christmas tree. The two little girls in wheelchairs, Marolyn Barrett, Odessa, and Tommie Kay Robinson, Hereford, avoid the Christmas postal rush by wrapping their gifts early with colorful paper and ribbon. The Scottish Rite Hospital is supported by contributions and bequests from generous people in the Lone Star State.

**Beauty And The Beasts**



**PITTSBURGH, PA.**— Husky roaches, one of the most revolting and hardest to kill of insects, dash about a "roach race track" of stainless steel while Ellen Hill, insecticide research worker, subjects them to a lethal spray. Photo was made during Gulf Oil's successful, two and one-half year research on a new type of quick-action, roach and ant-killing spray using the powerful new chemical Chlordane.

**Electric Eel**

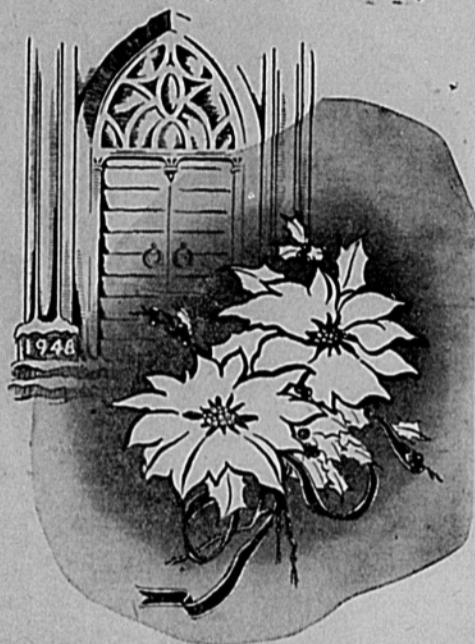
Electric eels in the fresh waters of South and Central America discharge electric shocks strong enough to stun human beings.

SANTA CLAUS OFFICE



ALL OF OUR  
FOLKS ARE HOPING  
THAT ALL OF  
YOUR FOLKS WILL  
SPEND A MIGHTY  
*Merry Christmas*  
**CHAMPION JEWELRY**

**MERRY CHRISTMAS**



Now, when the glow of hollyberries brightens the windows . . . we extend to you, our friends, sincere wishes for a most joyous Christmas.

**DRIVE-IN FOOD MARKET**



**MOSSER RADIO SERVICE**



MAY THE JOY  
OF MANY GOOD FRIENDS  
GLADDEN YOUR  
CHRISTMAS THIS SEASON.

**BUTLER MONUMENT WORKS**



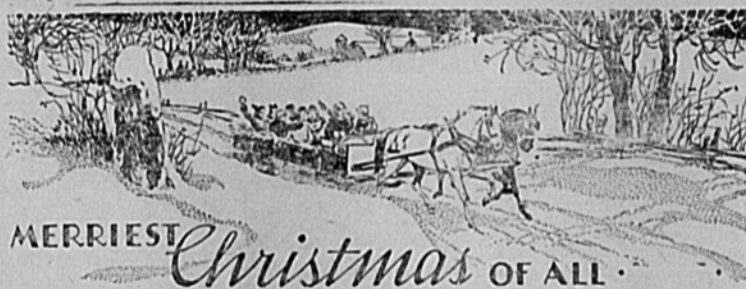
MAY ALL  
THE THINGS  
YOU WISH FOR  
BE FULFILLED  
FOR YOU.

**DEAL'S MACHINE SHOP**



Ring out glad bells our  
message of good cheer  
and good will for you.

**J. H. BREWER  
INSURANCE AGENCY**



And now comes another  
Christmas to be added to your store of memo-  
ries. We hope this Christmas of 1948 will be a  
very enjoyable one—a truly nappy one—ful-  
filling all the fine traditions of Christmas.

Accept our hearty thanks  
for the pleasant business associations of the  
past year. Once again we say

**Merry Christmas!**  
**CARROLL'S SERVICE STATION**

### Texas Junior Vegetable Growers Win Five National Contest Awards

TEXAS junior vegetable growers were named winners of one sectional and four state awards in the 1948 production-marketing contest of the National Junior Vegetable Growers Association as the organization gathered at Detroit, Mich., for its fourteenth annual four-day convention.



Doris M. Prater

Sectional honors were captured by Miss Doris Marie Prater, 14-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Prater of Lubbock. As the Lone Star State's top performer, Doris won \$100 from the \$6,000 in scholarships provided each year by the A&P Food Stores to encourage better production and marketing of vegetables by farm youth.

Other results announced by Prof. Grant B. Snyder of the University of Massachusetts, adult advisor to the association, included the awarding of a national championship and the top \$500 scholar-

ship to David Pratt, 16-year-old grower, of Ithaca, N. Y. Young Miss Prater's winning project covered only a small corner of her father's 320-acre farm, but she produced a wide assortment of vegetables, with emphasis on cucumbers, okra, cream peas and tomatoes. In both home consumption and from retail sales, Doris realized a total of \$141.39, of which \$118.78 was net profit.

A tenth grade student at her local high school, where she is one of two straight "A" students, Doris has been active in 4-H Club work for the past five years and has won eight first place awards, six second place awards and three third place awards for various exhibits. In addition, she is a member of the FHA, the junior basketball team and has won prizes for "ready writing." She is a member of the Lubbock County Garden committee and has taken prizes at the local and county dress reviews.

To sum it all up in a sentence, Doris explains, "Entering contests is my most profitable hobby." Other Texas state awards voted by the NJVGA convention for outstanding gardening projects went to Margie Fogie, Marshall; Sally Jane Fitzgerald, Chireno; Josie Slaughter, Marshall; and Myrios Waters of Rio Hondo.

### B.T.U. HAS PARTY

The Adult Class of the Baptist Training Union met in the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Wilks Tuesday evening for their annual Christmas party. After many interesting games and contests, Old Santa came in with his pack and a gift for all. Refreshments were served to 22. Everyone is urged to attend B.T.U. Sunday evening at 8:30.

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Pohl who have been living in California have returned to Slaton to make their home.

—WANT ADS GET RESULTS—

Mrs. C. E. Leggett and Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Leggett of Abilene are spending the holidays in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Mack.

The David Todds of Morton are spending the holidays with Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Sanner and Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Todd, sr.

Mrs. A. W. Leach of Wichita Falls visited in the home of her daughter, Mrs. Herman Shelton, last weekend.

University of Texas  
University of Texas, established in Austin, was opened to students in 1883. The medical branch of the university is at Galveston; the college of mines and metallurgy is in El Paso.

**Greenland**  
Greenland, a huge island between the North Atlantic and the Polar sea, is separated from the North American continent by Davis Strait and Baffin Bay. Its deposits of cryolite are the largest in the world. Fish, fur and graphite are the other exports.

**Milk Spots**  
Milk, cream and ice cream spots should be soaked in cold water, then washed in hot suds and bleached.

**Shading Small Plants**  
Good method of shading small plants after transplanting is to set wood shingles in the ground two to three inches from the plant on the south side.

**Redwood, Ancient Tree**  
The mammoth tree known as the redwood (*sequoia gigantea*) is the largest known plant. It towers to a height of 400 feet, and some of the larger specimens are 100 feet in circumference. The redwood attains a great age, some being estimated 1,500 to 2,000 years old. Some of the California redwoods were standing in the time of Christ.

**Honolulu Clock Runs Again**  
The big clock on the famous Aloha tower in Honolulu is running again, after more than six years during which the hands stood still. The clock was stopped shortly after Pearl Harbor, when painters camouflaged the tower.

**Fox Hunting**  
Fox hunting originated in England centuries ago—perhaps in the time of Edward II (1307-1327). In the very earliest times so many foxes ran wild in the British Isles that anyone could organize an impromptu hunt. Foxes were exterminated to preserve the crops they ate. As the fox became scarcer, the hunters found it necessary to engage trappers, who brought in the unharmed animals. These would be carefully tended until hunt days, when they would be released and given a start of so many minutes before pursuit by dogs and humans on horseback.

—WANT ADS GET RESULTS—

Mr. and Mrs. M. M. Day and children of Carlsbad, N. M., returned home Monday after a visit with Mrs. M. D. Gamble.

GET YOUR SCRATCH PADS AT THE SLATONITE.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim High and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Weeks visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. G. R. Weeks last weekend.

WILL pay 5c per pound for clean cotton rags at the SLATONITE.



MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL OF YOU

1948

Tradition meets the present in the holiday season and we're happy to add our greetings to the rest.

ROYAL FERGUSON  
DISTRICT CLERK

Best Wishes for a Merry Christmas

GREETINGS from St. Nicholas

Have you ever thought of Christmas as a birthday party—a birthday party that goes all over the world at once? That is why Christmas is so joyous! Everybody is a participant in this big, grand, world-wide party, with Santa Claus the host!

And here we are, on the Eve of Christmas, sending you our very best wishes for a joyous time at this great Birthday Party.

LOUIE F. MOORE  
COUNTY CLERK

From ED HADDOCK JOHN BERKLEY and THE GANG

ALL PRICES QUOTED DEC. 17 GOOD THROUGH DEC. 30

FOR A BIGGER AND BETTER SLATON

BERKLEY AND HADDOCK  
Fine Foods  
PHONE 197 We Deliver



Dana Andrews and Teresa Wright, Myrna Loy and Fredric March are the happy lovers in this scene from "The Best Years of Our Lives."

**Posey Lutherans To Stress "Christian Christmas"**

Posey Lutheran Church, Rev. C. Schulte, Pastor, has outlined a program for the Christmas holidays, to call to mind the original meaning of Christmas.

The Sunday School will have a Christmas program entitled "The Christmas Story" to be presented on Christmas Eve at 7:00 p. m. The public is cordially invited to this program. Recitations by the children, some quoted from Scripture, will relate the age old story of Christmas while they will be illustrated by colored slides. Words of the familiar Christmas hymns will be flashed on the screen at intervals so that each one can take part in the singing. A women's Sextet will sing, "Lo How a Rose E'er Blooming." The Beginners and Primary classes will sing "Away in the Manger" with appropriate gestures. The two upper classes will sing, "Long Ago on Christmas."

A Christmas offering will be received for the works of charity being carried on by the American Lutheran Church among orphans, aged, and hospitalized feeble-minded children, to help spread the loving kindness of the Christ who was born on Christmas Day.

Gifts of candy, etc., will be distributed among the children and children guests.

On Christmas Day, Dec. 25th, a service will be held at 11 a. m. Pastor Schulte will preach on the theme, "Our Savior's Wonderful Birth". Christmas offerings will be received for the work of the American Lutheran Church also.

December 26, Sunday, the last Sunday in the year will be observed with a service. Pastor Schulte will preach on the Song of the Aged Simeon in the temple as he held the Christ-child in his arms. The last offering of the year for the work of the Church will be received at this service.

"The public is cordially invited to attend all services," Pastor Schulte said. He added, "Let us all make this a Christian Christmas."

Southland Lutheran Church, served by Pastor Schulte will observe Christmas as follows:

Christmas program on Dec. 23 at 8:30 p. m.  
 Christmas Day Services, Dec. 25 at 9:30 a. m.  
 Sunday after Christmas at 9:00 a. m.  
 Church School at 10:30 a. m.

Mrs. Myrtle Martin of Kansas City will spend Christmas in the home of her daughter, Mrs. J. M. Collins.

Mr. and Mrs. F. J. O'Connor and family, Ruth and Fred, will visit during the Christmas holidays in the homes of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Smith and Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Davis, in Austin. They will also visit Mr. and Mrs. F. J. O'Connor, sr., in Gonzales.

Sleep While Your Want' Ads Work



The old message of peace on earth; good will to men" echoes again over the entire Christian world in this happy holiday season. Harking back to the spirit of the first Christmas, we wish for all the joys and blessings of the season.

**HENZLER IMPLEMENT CO.**



We sing out the gay greeting...  
**HAPPY HOLIDAY!**

**ALFORD GRO.**



Greetings to all our friends this Christmas Season.



**SLATON FURNITURE CO.**



As the wonderful, star-crowned story of Christmas moves once more through our lives, there is no one of us who is not conscious of the inexpressible divinity of the season. It is a time to be generous, a time for deep happiness, a time for neighborliness and good will towards all.

**Custers' Gulf Service Station**

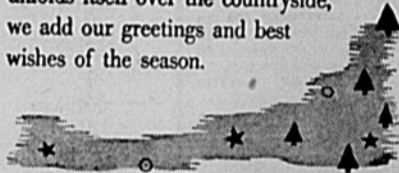


It's a real pleasure to extend these greetings to you.

**HAPPY HOLIDAYS!**

**S. & J. CLEANERS**

As the Spirit of Christmas unfolds itself over the countryside, we add our greetings and best wishes of the season.



Can we come in with a gay note to sing out...  
 Best Wishes?

**CECIL LONG**

Auto Mechanic



• an  
 • old  
 • fashioned  
 • greeting

... with a simple New Year message of thanks for your continued favors and a wish for a Happy New Year!

**MORTON'S FOODS**



1948

When Santa sneaks in, we trust he will leave a sack brimful of all good things for you.



**SLATON LOCKER PLANT**

**Fun at Dingley**

When they were all tired of blind-man's bluff, there was a great game of snap-dragon, and, when fingers enough were burned with that, and all the raisins gone, they sat down by the huge fire of blazing logs to a substantial supper and a mighty bowl of wassail, something smaller than an ordinary wash-house copper, in which the hot apples were hissing and bubbling with a rich look, and a jolly sound that were perfectly irresistible.



"This," said Mr. Pickwick, looking round him, "this is indeed comfort."

"Our invariable custom," said Mr. Wardle. "Everybody sits down with us on Christmas Eve, as you see them now—servants and all; and here we wait till the clock strikes twelve to usher Christmas in, and while away the time with benefits and old stories. Trundle by, rake up the fire."

Up flew the bright sparks myriads as the logs were stirred, and the deep, red blaze sent forth a rich glow that penetrated into the farthest corner of the room and cast its cheerful tint on every face.

"Come," said Wardle, "a song—a Christmas-song, give you one in default of a better."

"Bravo!" said Mr. Pickwick.

"Fill up!" cried Wardle. "It will be two hours gone before you see the bottom of the bowl through the deep rich colour of the wassail; fill up all-round, and now the song."—From Charles Dickens' "Pickwick Papers."



Merry CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

Christmas lights shed a glow unknown at any other time of the year. The same lights, after Christmas, have lost their charm, so, you see it is really the Christmas spirit that lights our homes! We wish you every happiness this Christmas season of 1948.

**Whitehouse Cafe**



MERRY CHRISTMAS

May countless blessings bring true joy to you and yours at Christmastime.

C U D D

Implement Co.

**Star With a Star**



The newest of midget batteries for three-way portable radios is only slightly larger than a package of cigarettes. Jane Russell, popular Hollywood star, is shown above with this new "B" battery, a star in its own right and developed by Olin Industries, Inc.

**News Summary Featured Weekly**

**"THE ATHEIST'S CHILD."**—There may be no Chaplains in the U. S. Military Forces. The name of God may disappear from all public notices and proclamations. Can a nine-year old boy jeopardize the religious training of ten-million school children? Read it in the American Weekly that great magazine distributed with next Sunday's Los Angeles Examiner.

**"THE JIM FISK CASE."**—Their rivalry over the fatal love of Josie Mansfield ended in a blaze of guns on a darkened hotel stairway? The victim was the fabulously rich Jim Fisk. The accused was Edward Stokes. Begin this exciting story in the American Weekly that great magazine distributed with next Sunday's Los Angeles Examiner.

Miss Esther Herrington left on Wednesday night for Laredo, Miss. where she will spend the holiday with relatives.



**CLYDE A. WILLIAMS GOES TO NAVAL SCHOOL**

Lt. Cmdr. Clyde A. Williams, USN, son of William N. Williams of Slaton, Texas, was graduated today as a member of the first class at the Naval School, General Line, Monterey, Calif.

Formerly a Naval Reserve Officer, he transferred to the Regular Navy and was sent to the Navy's new General Line School for further training.

In an intensive ten-month course he received a broad professional education comparable to that which a Regular Naval officer receives at the Naval Academy, Annapolis, Md., before he reports to the Fleet.

Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Ayers and son are spending the holidays in Corpus Christi.

**HAPPY AM !!**—Sure and it's soothing that makes the amiable Irishman, Morton Downey, star of NBC's "Songs By Morton Downey," look so starry-eyed in this caricature by Sam Berman.



Merry Christmas 1948

Christmas is an old-fashioned holiday, a time for reliving childhood days and for recalling old times, old friends.

May all the peace and tranquility of the season be yours in full measure.

**BAIN AUTO STORE**



Just to remember you in this friendly way.

CAMPBELL GIN



Along with Christmas pine and holly... may health, wealth and happiness deck the halls of your home.

**NORRIS BARBER SHOP**



... and we mean MERRY, with loads of fun!

**EAVES PRODUCE AND GRO.**



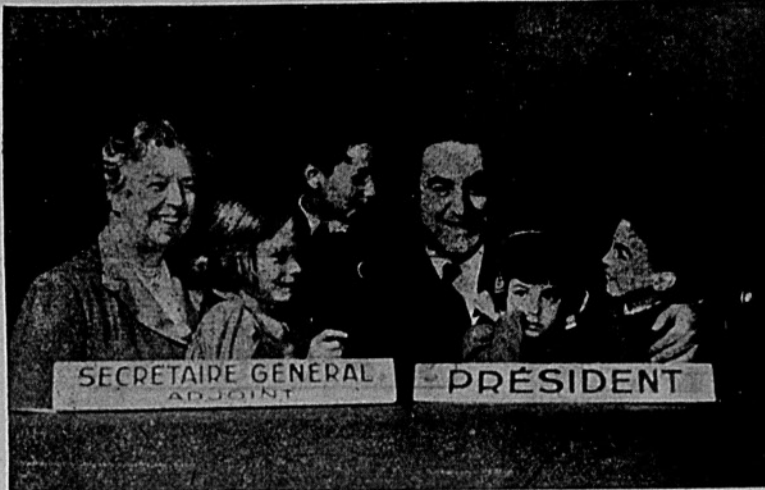
Best Wishes for a Merry Christmas

**Clay Dates**  
Department Store  
Slaton, Texas



**ANNIVERSARY TIME** — "Ma Perkins" and her cast pose for a family portrait. The occasion—the 15th anniversary of NBC's serial drama. Grouped about "Ma" are (left to right) Charles Egleston, who plays the role of Shuffle Shober; Rita Ascot as Fay, and Kay Campbell as Evey, her daughter; and Murray Forbes, as Willy Fin.

**Children Pay a visit to United Nations**



European children got their chance to visit the United Nations at the General Assembly meetings, recently ended in Paris. Here some young visitors learn what the United Nations is doing to help children from Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt, United States delegate and Human Rights Commission Chairman, and Dr. Charles Malik, of Lebanon, chairman of the Economic and Social Council.

Mr. and Mrs. M. A. Pember and Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Pember and family will be with the Royce Pembers in Portales, N. M.

Mr. and Mrs. John Berkley and family are spending the holidays with Mr. and Mrs. Buck Gosset of Post.

Norma Jean Bickers, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. N. Bickers will fly home for Christmas. She will arrive the 23rd for a week's stay. Mrs. Bickers is a model for Higginbotham of Dallas.

Mr. and Mrs. Harris of Albuquerque are visiting the C. F. Anderson's over the holidays.

Mrs. John R. Ralls, of Ralls, Texas, is visiting Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Anderson over the holidays.

Miss Lucile Henry left Monday for Writers where she will spend the holidays with her mother, Mrs. J. W. Henry, Sr., and her sister, Mrs. Sidney Anderson.

— WANT ADS GET RESULTS —



A triple wish for all of you is ours:  
**Good Cheer! Good Friends!  
 Good Health!**

**Slaton Decorator And Gift Shop**  
 144 W. Garza St. Phone 202



A Merry Christmas to you. And that's a wish we'd like to shout to the uttermost parts of the earth. But right now, we'll be content to tell you quietly and very sincerely that we hope this Christmas will bring you the peace and serenity that you deserve.

**VIVIAN GRO. & MKT.**

705 So. 9th St. Phone 794  
 We Deliver Slaton, Texas



**GREETINGS**

We're glad that we've never felt Christmas Greetings to be just superfluous bits of oratory. To us they're fine and friendly things . . . and we hope you think so, too.

For, you see, things sometimes happen so "thick and fast" in this world of ours, that we just don't get the time or the opportunity to say "Hello" as we should.

That's why Christmas Greetings are so important . . . because they put "heart" and cordially into our business relationships.

Do we need to say more? You'll know when you receive this note of ours just how much of the best and dearest things in life we're wishing you!

**CITIZEN'S STATE BANK**

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Light up that tree and flood your home with joy! It's Christmastime again! A happy Holiday to all!

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Coming **FEUDIN', FUSSIN' AND A-FIGHTIN'**

NOW SHOWING  
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It's Inspired and it's ENTERTAINMENT!

Pat O'Brien in **Fighting FATHER DUNNE**

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Don't fail to attend our big New Year's Eve Mid-Nite Show. Fun, Favors and Prizes for all. Make your plans now to be here.

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THE FURRIEST TRAVELING SALESMAN STORY EVER FILMED!

**FEUDIN' FUSSIN' and A-FIGHTIN'**

Starring Donald O'CONNOR

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with FRANK LLOYD, FRANK MARCH, ANDREW WRIGHT, MARY MARY

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TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY AND THURSDAY  
DOUBLE FEATURE

SIX-GUN TERROR!

JIMMY WAKELY in **Outlaw Brand**

with Cannonball Taylor

—ALSO—  
GO CHASE YOURSELF  
COO COO BIRD  
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PLUS SECOND FEATURE

"LASH" LA RUE  
AL ST. JOHN

—IN—

**Border Feud**

—ALSO—

GREEN BAY PACKERS VS. CHICAGO BEARS

## Southland News

MRS. FLOY KING

Rev. Fullingim was brought home from Mercy Hospital Saturday. His mother, Mrs. W. P. Fullingim of Lorenzo, spoke in his absence at the local Baptist Church, Sunday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Poindexter have been visiting their daughter, who has been sick and who lives in Ft. Worth.

Mr. and Mrs. O. E. Merrell visited his parents at Plainview over the week end.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Myers and children went to Tulsa Sunday to visit his sister, Mrs. Owen Cox, returning Tuesday.

Sgt. and Mrs. Henry King and daughter, Elaine, of Lawton, Okla., and Mr. and Mrs. Edd King and son of Lubbock visited the Harry Kings Sunday. The Henry Kings will stay through Christmas.

Lena Mae Samples of Slaton visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Samples part of last week.

School will turn out sometime Wednesday until after Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. Max Jackson, Glen Hampton and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hampton visited Mr. and Mrs. Joe Gamble of Union last Saturday night.

Southland basketball teams, boys and girls, went to Cooper and played in the tournament two night last week, but lost all their games.

Last Tuesday night was the night for parties and Christmas trees for the school. The Freshmen had their party at the home of Mr. and Mrs. I. J. Duff, sr. Mr. Duff is their sponsor. The Sophomores had their tree and party at the J. F. Winterrowd home. Mrs. R. Tillery is their sponsor. Mrs. J. F. Winterrowd is one of their room mothers. The Juniors had their tree and party at the home of one of their room mothers, Mrs. Houten Haire. Mrs. C. S. Lindsey is their sponsor. The Seniors had a barn dance in the loft of the Limmer barn and all reported a jolly good time. Gifts were exchanged and refreshments of punch and cake were served.

Wednesday night there was a program at the Methodist Church, presented by the Sunday School pupils and sponsored by the mothers and teachers, after which all were given gifts from under a beautifully lighted Christmas tree. Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hampton and Wayland were week end visitors of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Hampton and family.

### LETTERS TO SANTA:

Dear Santa,  
I am a little boy four years old. I'll be five in January. I would like a movie projector, filling station with cars and a book or two. Be good to all children everywhere. Your little friend, Jerry Lee Hodge.

Mrs. Frances Adams Corcanges arrived in Slaton Sunday to spend the holidays in the home of her mother, Mrs. S. H. Adams. Mrs. Corcanges is attending the Bank Street School in New York City.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Sikes are planning to spend Sunday in the home of their son, W. A., jr., in Truscott.

Mr. and Mrs. Delma Hodge, Everett, Sue and Jerry, visited the J. B. Butler, jr., family in Cactus over the week end.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl R. Bassett and family, formerly of Chickasha, Okla., are now living in Slaton at 905 S. 7th St. Mr. Bassett is in the insurance business.

Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Vinyard and son of Sherman will spend the holidays in the homes of their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Marriott, jr., and the H. I. and Frank Drewrys.

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Pohl, who have been visiting in Riverside, Calif., for some time, are planning to move back to their old home in Slaton as soon as arrangements can be made.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Tudor and son, Steven, of Midland and Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Clinton and daughters of Lubbock will spend Christmas in the home of their mother, Mrs. Nan Tudor.



A BLANKET of snow on the roof, a peace and stillness and warmth and firelight, the lovely litter of Christmas on the living room floor. Certainly there's a Santa Claus, and as we wish you a Merry Christmas we add this wish for good measure: May good old St. Nicholas come laden, this Christmas with more of the good things of life for you than you have ever before enjoyed.

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## LLOYD CROSLIN

DISTRICT ATTORNEY



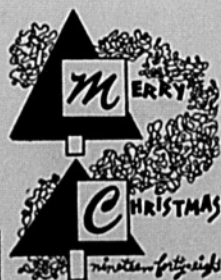
Merry Christmas TO ALL OUR FRIENDS

Styles change, methods change, but Christmas—never! Beneath it all is the same old love of man for his folks and his neighbors, the same old dream of the day when peace and good will encompass all the earth.

So now in that changeless season of Christmas we greet our friends and neighbors, as so often before, with that timeworn message of cheer and good fellowship, MERRY CHRISTMAS!

## GEORGE G. GREEN

COMMISSIONER ELECT  
Precinct 2, Lubbock County



All the fragile beauty of a snowflake symbolizes this shimmering season of joy and happiness. May this Christmas be the most joyous of them all.

## G. V. PARDUE

Judge of 99th Judicial District



For us oldsters, it is memory that makes up Christmas—memories of the old days when grandma managed the Christmas feast, and friends dropped in for a chat.

We are happy to say that among our most treasured memories are the many Christmas celebrations we have seen come and go, and the friends we have kept with us during all the years. A Merry Christmas to all of you!

## BAKER BROS. NURSERY

Salute to our Friends at Christmas



Ho! Ho! for Christmas!

Merrily, merrily, jolly good friends, and a grand and glorious holiday to you all!

## N. J. WICKER

Electrical Wiring and Repairs



To One And

CHILDREN looking out of the window at a desolate landscape try to catch a glimpse of a mythical sleigh drawn by mythical reindeer. But there is naught that is mythical about the spirit of Christmas that transforms the commonplace.

## SLATON PHARMACY





## Carefree HOLIDAY SEASON

Right now it's time to lay aside business cares and all that is complicated and get down to simple things. A little boy on the floor under the Christmas tree watching his electric train whizz past, the happy faces of little girls singing Christmas carols, boys coasting down the hill.

Let's catch that spirit! Merry Christmas to you, and you, and you!

Roy Boyd, Co. Supt.  
Maud Dean, Asst. Co. Supt.

## POSEY ITEMS

R. L. BOYD

The Christmas program planned for Tuesday night, December 21st, had as committee members: Truman Shelton, Mrs. Jim Sain and Mrs. Melvin Johnson. The men were to bring men's presents and the ladies were to bring presents for ladies. Each family was also to bring presents for each of their children. The church was well decorated and a large crowd was expected for the first Christmas tree to be held at the Community church.

J. A. Boyce says he intends to spend Christmas Day with the Warner Boyce family in Lubbock.

R. B. and J. R. Boyd have recently purchased an irrigation farm near Abernathy.

An irrigation well is being drilled on the farm of Mr. Davis of Williamson County. Robert Stolle is now operating the farm land of around 200 acres.

The E. M. Strickland family has moved from the community.

Guy Gentry, who has been going to college in Kansas, has returned home for the Christmas

holidays. Billy Boyd has returned from a trip to El Paso.

Paul Kitchen will work some of the Patterson land next year.

Sunday School attendance was slightly below average.

Technical Sergeant Everett Mangum, who has been stationed at El Paso is being transferred to San Antonio. Mrs. Mangum and four sons are soon moving to Waco, their former home, where Sgt. Mangum hopes to soon be transferred.

Several members of the younger group held a party Saturday night in the S. N. Gentry home.

Lindsey Cox of Midway was here the first of the week attending to business.

R. E. Jones, who had been in hospital at Carlsbad, Texas, has returned home for about a two week's visit with his family.

While most people intend to have Christmas at home, a few have been planning to visit relatives, some of whom live out of the state.

We have some real values in new Portable typewriters at the SLATONITE.



**NEW HIT PARADER**—Eileen Wilson, Frank Sinatra's newest singing partner on NBC's "Your Hit Parade," has already begun a movie career of sorts. Heard but not seen, Eileen dubbed the sound track for Ava Gardner's songs in two films "The Hucksters" and "One Touch of Venus."

**Merchandise Takes Wings**  
Everything imaginable is being carried via air these days. Or- chids, ripe bananas, fruit, sea foods, vegetables, prisoners, migrant labor, women's wearing apparel, eggs and hundreds of other things are flown from the U. S. to Central and South America, to Europe and Australia.



## Happiest HOLIDAY SEASON to all

### THE QUEST OF HAPPINESS

has ever been the ultimate goal of human beings. Some find happiness in one way; some in another; and many never find it at all. Whatever road you may have been taking in your pursuit of happiness, may your fondest hopes be realized during this Christmas season.

One other thought: we want everyone of you to know that we deeply appreciate everything you have done for us during the past year.

Merry Xmas - Happy New Year  
To You And Yours

J. B. JOHNSTONE  
Tax Assessor & Collector



## A Merry Christmas

★ Stealing over the countryside is the blessed peacefulness of Christmastime. The very air seems charged with it. Even the birds—what few remain—appear to share in the general rejoicing that has come over the world.

We earnestly hope that this Christmas season will bestow unusual blessings upon you and yours . . . that it will bring to your home the soft glow that even Christmas tree lights cannot bequeath—the full joy of Christmas seasons long past but forever remembered. May such a Christmas be yours!

### JOHN'S DAIRY

Dist. Grade A Pasterized  
Dairy Products



## A Joyous Christmas

That best part of a good man's life—  
His little, nameless unremembered acts  
Of kindness and of love.  
—WILLIAM WORDSWORTH

Christmas is the season of the open heart and the open door. Let none stand out in the cold or be unremembered.

In this community of good fellows, where each helps share the other's happiness and all do their part towards making the Christmas season enjoyable for each and everyone, it is a privilege to be in a position to serve you. We take great pleasure in wishing you a Merry Christmas.

SHERIFF GRADY HARRIST

### WHEN YOUR CAR GETS THE SNIFFLES



Bring it to us for a

### WINTER TUNE-UP SPECIAL

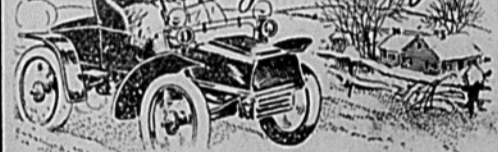


AND WE'LL RETURN IT TO YOU  
PURRING LIKE  
A KITTEN



Slaton Motor Co.

## Old Fashioned Yuletide Greetings



It isn't always stylish to be old fashioned, but there are times when it's very genuine—and Christmas is one of them. Yes, folks, we wish you an old fashioned Christmas this year . . . the best one of them all!

DR. AND MRS. SNIDER

BEST  
Holiday  
WISHES

TO MY FRIENDS AND CUSTOMERS EVERYWHERE:  
It has been a pleasure to serve you and I hope that my services have been satisfactory and it is with a sincere heart that I extend the seasons greetings to you and hope to see you personally at an early date.

**STAN'S GARAGE**

One Block East of Square On  
Garza Street

MERRY  
CHRISTMAS

FOR CHRISTMAS  
COMES BUT ONCE  
A YEAR

● The long awaited occasion is here—CHRISTMAS—and with it the opportunity of renewing friendships. We cannot tell you how much these friendships have meant to us. We treasure them, every one.

Let us celebrate the Yuletide with rejoicing and good cheer. Let us celebrate it with a genuine thankfulness in our hearts for the blessings that have been ours to enjoy.

**WHITE AUTO STORE**

# XMAS SPECIALS IN USED CARS

- 1948 Mercury Fordor. Radio and Heater.
- 1947 Ford. Super Deluxe Clb. Cpe.
- 1946 Ford. Super Deluxe Tudor.
- 1946 Ford. 1/2 Ton Pickup. Heater.
- 1939 Dodge Tudor. Radio and Heater.
- 1939 Ford Tudor. Bargain.
- 1938 Ford Cpe.

THESE CARS ARE PRICED TO SELL.  
COME IN AND SEE THEM  
BEFORE YOU BUY.

SLATON MOTOR CO.

Slaton, Texas

Phone 133



1948

# Merry Christmas

CHRISTMAS, WITH ITS MOMENTS OF WISTFUL SOLEMNITY AND PRAYERFUL RENEWAL OF THINGS THAT ARE GOOD, IS MUCH MORE THAN A DAY. ALL HAPPINESS TO YOU AND YOURS ON THIS DAY OF DAYS!

**LOYD AND HAROLD TUCKER**

Texaco Wholesale Consignees



**YOUNG HOPEFUL** — Richard Basehart, rising young film actor who won critics' favor on Broadway, will be a Christmas Night visitor to NBC's "Hollywood Star Theater." Basehart, who will be introduced by screen star Sidney Greenstreet, will play the lead in an original radio drama.

**CHRISTMAS LIGHTS HERE ARE VERY ATTRACTIVE**

While the Christmas outside lighting got off to a late start there are a number of very attractive Christmas decorations over town. They are in practically every part of the city and if you enjoy such things you will find it entertaining to drive over the city at night.

**ALL HAS BEEN QUIET**

The first and middle part of December was the most serene pre holiday season in years in Slaton reports the Police Department. Up until last Sunday no arrests had been made in two weeks. "The price of bootleg must have gone up," said the Chief.

**Seeds for Seasoning**

Dutch poppy and caraway seeds are back on the grocery store shelves and in good supply for the first time since the war. Home makers who like their food flavored will welcome the return of these little seasoning aids. Caraway seed tones up many cheeses which have been mashed or put through the grinder. Continental cooks add a spot of caraway to flavor gravy, particularly mutton and veal gravy. And poppy seeds gives a lift to rolls, cookies and cakes.



# 1948 Christmas Greetings

The magic spell of Christmas is everywhere . . . no corner too remote! We extend hearty Yule greetings to all our friends.

**SLATON IMPLEMENT CO.**



1948

# Christmas Cheer

As Christmas approaches, ties of friendship grow stronger and we open our storehouse of memories. We like to remember our friends at this time with a MERRY CHRISTMAS greeting and a word of thanks for their kindness.

**PETE GRANDON GARAGE**

218 Texas Ave.



# Season's Greetings

*to you and your family*

FROM

**CROW - HARRAL CHEVROLET CO.**

**THE SLATON SLATONITE**  
Slaton, Lubbock County, Texas

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**JUST TALK**

by  
**A.M.J.**

There is one young lady in Slaton to whom I would like to take off my hat, bow low and say that she is a valuable citizen in our town.

If you are a hunter she can paint a bird dog on your tie, if a fisherman she can put a fish on your neck ornament and if you are a newspaper man she can paint some ink spots mixed with gravy so that it will look just right.

This young lady, it is said, can cook a meal fit for a Methodist preacher, she was one of the Tech beauties when she attended school and seems to me to be improving in looks every day. Should you accidentally stop at her husband's office to collect a bill, read the gas meter or intentionally, she will have the doctor testing your eyes before you realize that you have been hypnotized.

Several times I have met her on the streets, which she steps off with vim and vitality, and she stopped long enough to give a jittery newspaper man a few words of good cheer and a peppy smile, after which I threw back my shoulders, straightened my tie and walked briskly for a couple of blocks.

Yep, Mrs. R. W. Ragsdale, Jr., is an addition to the scenery of the city and I often wonder if she is perfect or whether she snores, hangs wet clothing on the bath tub and asks her husband to wipe the dishes.

Several nights ago my wife and I went to a small gathering where Christmas gifts were exchanged. You know, not over the one dollar kind, and what can one get for a dollar these days? After quite a spell of chatter the gifts were numbered and each person drew by lot.

When my wife got her package and opened it you would have thought that she had received the crown jewels of Siam and all of the other women came through with about the same explosion of great cheer; when I opened mine and my wife saw that I was not going to go into any great show of delight she tried to do the job for me by grabbing it out of my hands and displaying it with the fervor that I did not muster. After we returned home she informed me that I had very poor manners but that I was no worse than the rest of the men as all of them accepted their gifts and either made a very correct guess as to what it would be or tore the package open with no comment at all, looked

the excavation. It just got to be a hobby said Ted, who has built switches, turn table and everything a modern railroad should have except a locomotive; that work is done by a turntable but it would not surprise the neighbors to find at any time that Ted had brought home an engine.

There are a lot of things going on these days that should be investigated, not only in the big places in government but also in the smaller communities. It would not be a bad idea for the Slaton Chamber of Commerce to have a better business control over solicitations to the business firms by persons who claim to be representatives of charitable and public benefit organizations and it most certainly should be a city ordinance that a permit be required for any one to sell merchandise in the town. Perhaps there is such a law but I have never heard of it.

There have been a number of questionable solicitations made in Slaton during the time I have lived here that have taken a lot of money to promoters. School book covers, song book advertising and fans for churches when only a very few of the items were ever printed or passed out. There have been safety poster campaigns and advertising on curtains and what have you. Admitting that such ideas might be good if those proposing to distribute the things would do so, it usually turns out that the merchants get stuck.

Of course such a plan as requiring the solicitor to have a card from the Chamber of Commerce manager stating that the project has been investigated and is O. K., could not be carried out without the cooperation of the merchants and it would require that the merchants agree to refuse to buy advertising or make donations unless the solicitor presents such a card. This plan works in many larger cities and most illegitimate promoters do not stop in the larger towns with their rackets. And it is not right that house to house salesmen be allowed to sell merchandise when they do not live here, pay no taxes and are not located here to keep any big promises that they may make.

something of the sort some day. In the mean time a lot of business men will pay out considerable money to racketeers and to folks who half way live up to the things they promise.

**Christmas Gifts At Adair Music Co. Will Please All**

An album of his or her favorite hit tunes makes the perfect gift for that teen-age boy or girl on your Christmas list and the B. E. Adair Music Co., of 1012 Main St., in Lubbock, has a large stock of the latest and best.

While there, look over their stock of fine radios, combinations, and players. You will find just what you have been looking for in a wide variety of designs and prices.

The Adair Co. also carries a large stock of pianos in many designs and of the finest tone quality and beautifully finished woods.

If you are interested in sheet music of any kind, the Adair Music Co., is the place to stop. They carry a large stock or will be glad to order any numbers you wish.

Mrs. W. H. Smith is spending the holidays with Mr. and Mrs. Sam Ball in Canadian.

**Farm Outlook Fairly Good**

Farmers can expect current good times to continue for the immediate future, say government officials, who make this prediction with their fingers crossed. On the optimistic side, demand for farm products is expected to stay strong, due to income tax reduction and continued heavy exports under ERP. For the first five months of 1948, cash receipts to farmers are likely to total slightly more than for the same period last year. On the gloomy side, farm exports may drop 15 to 20 per cent below the 1947 record of \$3,900,000,000 if foreign crops turn out well. Cash receipts may go down later in the year.

Mrs. Clifford Simmons left Sunday for Detroit, Mich., where she is visiting her brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. E. Travis

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Kuss and Deane and Lennett left today for Hermleigh to spend Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. M. J. Kuss.

Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Walston and daughter and Mr. and Mrs. Elbert Wilson are spending the holidays with Mrs. Wilson's mother, Mrs. McDaniel, in Plainview.

Mr. and Mrs. Nat D. Heaton are spending the holidays in Jefferson, Texas.

**Soil Management**  
Conservation of soil and water depends almost entirely upon proper management. It consists of controlling erosion, conserving rainfall, and of building and maintaining soil fertility.

WILL pay 5c per pound for clean cotton rags at the SLATONITE.

At Christmas-time we want you to know we're grateful for your patronage.

**LILES SHEET METAL**

One need not be told it is Christmastime. The glowing faces of friend and stranger alike bespeak it. It gives us the same thrill as of old to wish all our friends, and those who are still to become our friends, a very Merry Christmas.

**MAGNOLIA PETROLEUM CO.**  
J. W. Chenoweth, Agent



That's our greeting to you in this happy season.

**THE LITTLE FLOWER SHOP**



**Merry Christmas 1948**

**DR. DON HATCHETT**

**Merry Christmas TO ALL**



And we take this opportunity to say "Thank You Good Friends," to all the farmers who have enabled us to do a prosperous business this 1948 season and to say that we hope next year will bring another

**White Christmas**

white with fields and bales of gathered cotton.

**West Texas Cottonoil Co.**



# Holiday Joy 1948

MAY THIS CHRISTMAS SEASON BRING YOU MANY BLESSINGS AND MUCH JOY AND HAPPINESS.

LEE'S BLACKSMITH

Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Clark and son of Aspermont will spend Christmas in the home of Mr. and Mrs. James L. Parks. Mrs. Clark is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Parks.

Mrs. Lee Green will spend the Christmas holidays with her children in Houston. She left by plane Thursday.

Visiting in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bert Hastings for Christmas will be their two daughters and their families, Mr. and Mrs. Kirby Manly and children and Mr. and Mrs. Bill Mundy, all of Houston.

### Growing Mushrooms

Mushroom farming is a profitable full-time business for those who have the money and the skill that comes only from experience. Mushroom growing can also be a pleasant hobby. Domestic mushrooms are an indoor crop. Although particular about moisture, temperature and light, mushrooms have been grown in cellars, sheds, caves, root cellars, in greenhouses between other crops, and in special mushroom houses. The location must be one that will enable the grower to keep temperatures 45 to 68 degrees during the growing season, for mushrooms refuse to prosper under higher or lower temperatures.

### Contour Planting

Contour planting is simply planting on the level. Each row, being at a right angle to the natural direction of flow, acts as a miniature dam to hold back water and allow it, or a large portion of it, to soak into the soil. However, rows may be slightly off the exact contour, without interfering with their efficiency; in fact, in regions of heavy rainfall there is an advantage in having them drain to one side of the garden or to a prepared outlet.

### LETTERS TO SANTA:

Dear Santa,  
I am a little boy one and one half years old. Please bring me a tricycle, a wagon and a tractor, candy, nuts and fruit.

Lots of love,  
Bobby Edmondson  
750 South 10th

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Cline and son and daughter of Longview visited several days last week at the homes of Mrs. Ruby Wood, and Mrs. J. S. Avent, and Mr. and Mrs. John Berkley.

Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Richardson, Mrs. E. C. Hays and Mr. and Mrs. D. S. Richardson will spend Christmas in Wichita Falls visiting with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Porter Davis of Plainview are to spend Christmas in the home of his brother, M. and Mrs. W. T. Davis, and family.

### Oil Search Techniques

In searching for underground oil, various gadgets and methods are being used, including diving bells, ex-submarine chasers, radar and other electronic devices. One of the most useful detectors of promising geological formations on land or sea is the seismograph, well known in recording earthquakes. This apparatus determines the size and shape of structures deep within the earth by measuring the time taken by sound waves to bounce back to the surface after an explosion has been set off.

### What City Families Eat

Williston, N. D., is one of 76 cities in the United States where a survey is being made to learn what city families are eating in 1948. The study is being made by the department of agriculture.

### Contents of Egg Shell

High quality protein, iron, vitamin A, riboflavin, thiamine and some vitamin D—all are stored up inside an egg shell.

### Calf Skin Tender

The skin of the young calf is easily burned by direct sunlight.



TO ALL OF YOU,  
A SEASON  
BRIMFUL  
WITH  
HOLIDAY  
JOY.

RED ARROW CAFE  
George H. and Vivian Jones



## Christmas is here!

Christmas is here, O dear,  
And I had a fall, and bumped  
My thumb, can't write,  
And the works all gummed.  
This is the only way I have  
To wish you Christmas Cheer.  
But never fear, just wait one  
Year, and we'll do it all over  
again.

Here is to all my friends,  
Both far and near,  
Merry Christmas and Happy  
New Year.

Mrs. Lee Green

Best Wishes for a Joyous Holiday Season!

RAY C. AYERS AND SON, INC.

When You Need AUTO REPAIR SERVICE TRY US



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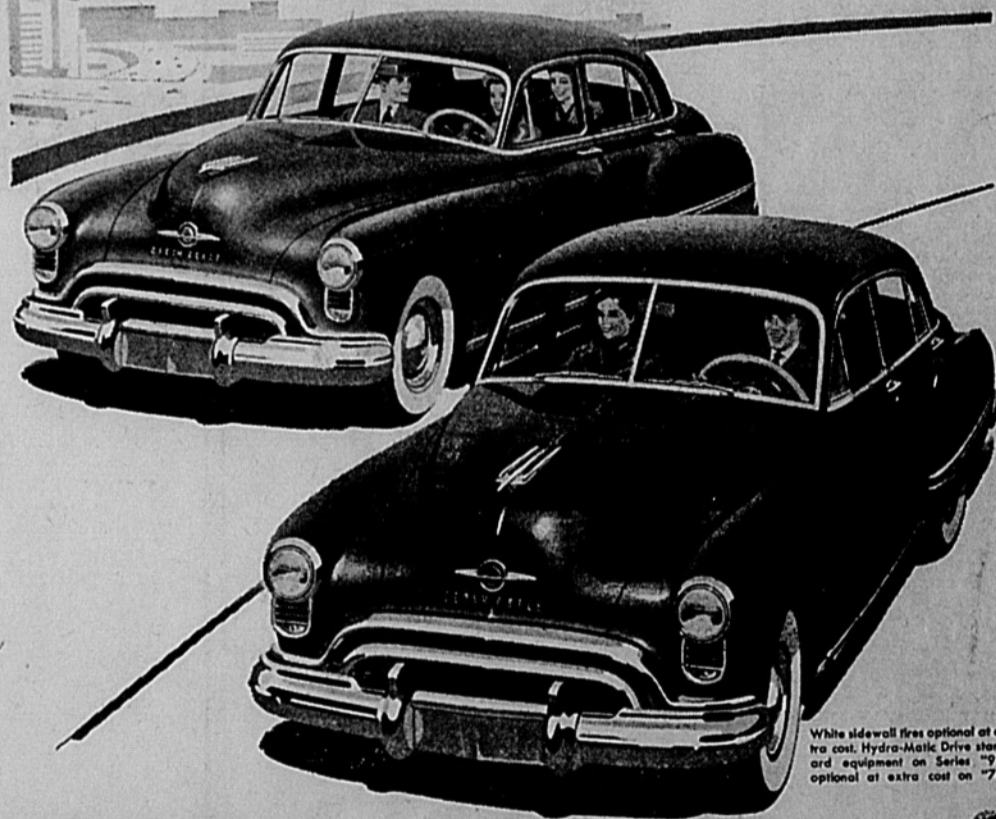
We Have A Complete Stock Of **OLDSMOBILE PARTS**

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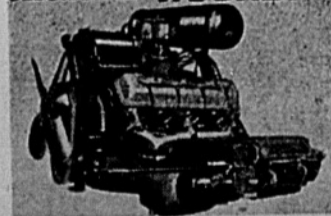
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